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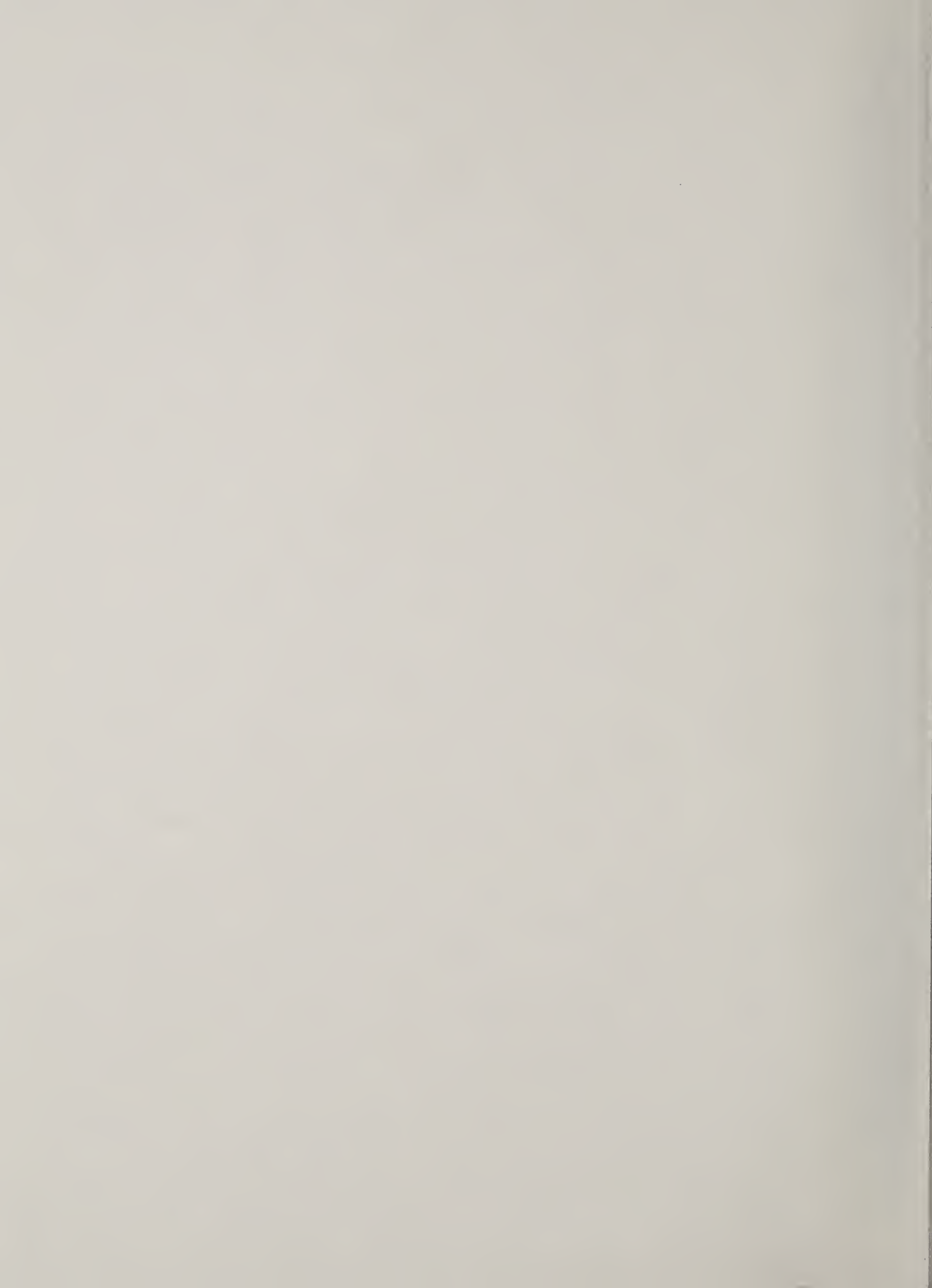
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FOREWORD

This 24th edition of the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)'s *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada* contains almost 1,000 more listings than the 23rd edition, which was published in 1988. While numbers are a convenient way to indicate growth in services, they are not as important as the reasons for adding new program categories, expanding existing ones, and making this *Directory* a broad-based and easy-to-use desktop reference. The greatly increased scope of the *Directory* reflects expansion of programs and the need organizations and individuals within and outside the blindness field have for direct access to information about programs, services, and products.

New sections in this *Directory* include Canadian services, manufacturers and distributors of consumer products, aging services, statewide early childhood coordination and educational outreach programs, phone-in newspapers, audiodescription services, and Americans with Disabilities Act implementation agencies. Sections expanded since the last edition include producers of braille and other alternate reading media, computer training, workshops,

library services, and the subject index.

We are pleased to have Canadian services back in the *Directory* after an absence of many decades. The blindness field has always been North American in outlook. Including Canadian services in the *Directory* can only strengthen and extend the cooperation and cross-fertilization already taking place. Dr. Euclid J. Herie, president of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), lent much more than encouragement to this effort. He asked James Sanders, CNIB national director of government relations and international services, and his staff to work with the AFB publications staff to coordinate collection of information on Canadian services. We thank CNIB for this important contribution to the knowledge base about services in North America. We also thank P. Ann MacCuspie, coordinator of the Provincial Services Resource Centre, Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority, Halifax, for her guidance in compiling information on Canadian educational services.

A reference work on the scale of this *Directory* requires the participation of AFB staff in many departments. There are many to acknowledge and thank. The AFB

Publications Department plays the central role in organizing and producing the *Directory of Services*. Mary Ellen Mulholland, director, Natalie Hilzen, managing editor, Sharon Shively, assistant editor, JoAnne Chernow, production manager, Carol Wallace, executive secretary, and Tammi Outlaw, editorial secretary, deserve special credit. Also deserving special credit is David O'Neill, AFB director of management information services, who worked with the publications staff on development of the database and who programmed the voice-accessible electronic disk edition of the *Directory*. Computer databases the AFB National Technology Center (NTC) maintains for other purposes provided the basic information needed for several sections. NTC director Elliot Schreier and staff members Amoryl Hypolite, Lynda Laubach, Richard Mirisola, Julie Tucker, and Mark Uslan helped to make these listings possible. The entire staff of the AFB Regional Centers in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, play many roles in *Directory* development. They identify candidates for new listings, track down information that is difficult to get, and review listings for the states in their regions. Alan

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Carl R. Augusto
President and Executive Director

HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY AND FIND SERVICES

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)'s *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada* is a compilation of schools, agencies, organizations, and programs in the governmental and private, nonprofit sectors that provide a wide variety of direct and indirect services and information of benefit to blind and visually impaired children and adults, their families, and professionals who work with them. A listing in the *Directory*, which is based on information supplied by the listee, does not imply endorsement or evaluation by AFB.

Evaluative information about an organization may be obtained by consulting local and state medical societies; health and welfare councils; Better Business Bureaus; the National Charities Information Bureau; university, school, medical, and rehabilitation accrediting bodies; or the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC). A list of agencies and schools accredited by NAC at the time the *Directory* went to press appears at the end of this section. When none of the above sources can supply the information needed, contact the AFB regional

center for your area (see the AFB listing in the U.S. National Organizations section in this book).

Sections of the Directory

The *Directory* has separate sections for U.S. and Canadian services. Agencies and organizations have been listed according to whether they provide services to a local area, state, or province or on a national basis. The *Directory* has the following main sections:

1. "A Quick Guide to Major Federal Programs," an overview of U.S. and Canadian legislative initiatives.
2. A comprehensive subject index that divides all entries into subject categories and lists them alphabetically within categories. One section of this index lists entries for the United States; another section lists entries for Canada.
3. Geographical listings arranged state by state (including U.S. territories) for the United States in one section, and province by province (including territories) for Canada in a separate section. Agencies in these listings generally provide services within

their local area or state. In addition, state and provincial listings in this *Directory* contain cross-references to federal agencies and national organizations and the addresses and telephone numbers of local, state, and regional offices of national organizations.

4. Federal agency listings and listings of agencies and organizations that provide services and information nationally. Federal agencies, national organizations, and national consumer and professional membership organizations appear in one section for the United States and in a separate section for Canada.
5. Suppliers of braille, tape, large-print, and disk formats and manufacturers and distributors of adapted products and devices for people who are blind or visually impaired that provide services on a national basis. Listings for these organizations and companies appear in one section for the United States and in a separate section for Canada.
6. An alphabetical organization index containing all entries and separating them by alphabetical

letter. One section of this index lists entries for the United States; another section lists entries for Canada.

This *Directory* has been designed to help you find the information you need quickly and easily. Because of this intent, the *Directory* contains two separate indexes and a number of sections broken down into easy-to-locate categories. Therefore, there are three ways to locate an organization or service:

1. **By alphabetical order.** Consult the Organization Index at the back of the book. This index contains all entries listed alphabetically.
2. **By service category.** Consult the Subject Index at the front of the book. This index contains all entries divided into categories of services.
3. **By geographical location.** Consult the State or Provincial Listings for local, state, and regional services, or the sections listing national organizations for services delivered on a national basis. (However, when trying to locate services, keep in mind that some local agencies and organizations—for example, producers of braille and other media—may provide services beyond their local area.)

State and Provincial Listings

State and Provincial Listings are divided as follows (unless otherwise noted, all listings are in alphabetical order):

Educational Services: state or provincial services; programs for early intervention coordination; schools; infant and preschool programs; statewide outreach services; instructional materials centers; and university training programs.

Information Services: libraries; talking book machine

distributors; media production services; radio reading or information services; phone-in newspapers; and sources of information and referrals. Cross-references to national listings (that is, to agencies, organizations, or companies that are geographically located in a given state or province but that provide national services) appear at the end of Information Services. Many local, state, and regional offices of national organizations appear alphabetically in State or Provincial Listings under Information and Referral.

Rehabilitation Services: state or provincial services (including cities, addresses, and telephone numbers of the local offices of state or provincial agencies); local private rehabilitation agencies; computer training centers; and dog guide schools.

Low Vision Services: state or provincial ophthalmological and optometric societies (appearing in that order); low vision clinics and centers.

Aging Services: For the United States, state units on aging; independent living programs funded by Title VII, Part C of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Abbreviations

In the interests of space, a number of abbreviations are used in listings. Although some agencies have used abbreviations for services that are unique to their programs, many of the abbreviations are commonly known. The following abbreviations appear:

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
ADL (activities of daily living)

CMV (cytomegalovirus)
CCTV (closed-circuit television)
Est. (established)
HIV/AIDS (human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome)
GED (general equivalency diploma)
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
IEP (Individualized Education Program)
IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan)
Inc. (incorporated)
K (kindergarten)
LEA (local education agency)
OCR (optical character recognition)
TDD (telecommunication device for deaf and hearing impaired persons)
Y (yes)

No directory is ever completely up to date or perfect. As this book went to press, a new federal administration was assuming power in Washington, DC, and thousands of new appointments will be made over the following months. Many names listed under U.S. federal agencies will therefore change. Readers should also keep in mind that many organizations such as state ophthalmological societies and membership organizations change their addresses and phone numbers annually, as their presidents or heads change. In such cases, attempt to find the service through forwarding at the previous listing, contact the national organization, if any, affiliated with the local branch, or check with local directory assistance.

Because of the constantly changing nature of the data gathered for this *Directory*, AFB welcomes suggestions for corrections, deletions, and new

listings. Such information should be sent in writing only to the Publications Department, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011.

Members, National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

The date accompanying each name for the organizations in the following listing represents the year through which accreditation has been awarded.

Alabama

Services for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children and Adults of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (1993)

Arizona

Foundation for Blind Children (1993)
Tucson Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (1996)

Arkansas

Arkansas School for the Blind (1993)
Division of Services for the Blind (1996)
Lions World Services for the Blind (1994)

California

Center for the Partially Sighted (1993)
Lions Blind Center (1993)
Sacramento Society for the Blind (1993)

Florida

Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind (1996)
Division of Blind Services (1994)
Ft. Lauderdale Lighthouse for the Blind (1994)
Independence for the Blind (1993)
Lighthouse for the Blind of Pasco and Hernando, Inc. (1995)

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind (1993)
School for the Blind/Florida School for the Blind (1993)
Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind (1997)
Visually Impaired Persons Center (1993)

Georgia

Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia (1994)
Center for the Visually Impaired (1996)
Georgia Academy for the Blind (1993)
Georgia Industries for the Blind (1993)
Savannah Association for the Blind (1993)

Hawaii

Services for the Blind Branch (1997)

Illinois

Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (1996)
Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation (1996)
Illinois Bureau of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (1993)
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (1993)
Philip J. Rock Center and School (1994)

Indiana

Indiana School for the Blind (1995)

Iowa

Mercy's Vision Rehabilitation Institute (1995)

Kansas

Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind (1993)

Maine

Maine Center for the Blind (1997)

Maryland

Maryland School for the Blind (1996)

Michigan

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind (1996)

Vision Enrichment Services (1994)
Visually Impaired Center, Inc. (1993)

Minnesota

Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind (1993)

Mississippi

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind (1993)
Mississippi School for the Blind (1993)
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind/Regional Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (1995)
Royal Maid Association for the Blind (1993)

Missouri

Kansas City Association for the Blind (1993)

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Association for the Blind (1994)

New Jersey

St. Joseph's School for the Blind (1993)

New Mexico

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped (1994)

New York

Blind Association of Western New York (1997)
Catholic Guild for the Blind (1993)
Guiding Eyes for the Blind (1993)
Helen Keller Services for the Blind (1997)
Jewish Guild for the Blind (1994)
Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (1996)
Programs for the Visually Impaired/New York Institute for Special Education (1994)
Rockland County Association for the Visually Impaired (1995)

North Dakota

North Dakota School for the Blind (1996)

Ohio

Cincinnati Association for the Blind (1995)

The Clovernook

Center/Opportunities for the
Blind (1996)

The Sight Center (1993)

Vision Center of Central Ohio
(1994)

Oklahoma

Oklahoma League for the Blind
(1993)

Parkview School (1996)

Visual Services Unit/Department
of Human Services (1993)

Pennsylvania

Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation
Center (1994)

Lancaster County Association for
the Blind (1997)

Pittsburgh Blind Association (1996)

York County Blind Center (1994)

Puerto Rico

Loaiza Cordero Institute for Blind
Children (1994)

South Dakota

South Dakota School for the
Visually Handicapped (1994)

Tennessee

Alliance for the Blind and Visually
Impaired (1994)

Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind
(1996)

Tennessee School for the Blind
(1996)

Volunteer Blind Industries (1993)

Texas

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind
(1996)

Texas School for the Blind and
Visually Impaired (1993)

Utah

Utah School for the Blind (1996)

Washington

Community Services for the Blind
and Partially Sighted (1994)

Lighthouse for the Blind, Seattle
(1997)

West Virginia

West Virginia School for the Blind
(1996)

Wisconsin

Industries for the Blind (1993)

Wisconsin School for the Visually
Handicapped (1993)

Canada

Centre for Sight
Enhancement/University of
Waterloo (1994)

A QUICK GUIDE TO MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Both the United States and Canada have undertaken important federal initiatives in regard to persons who are blind or visually impaired or who have other disabilities. On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark piece of legislation, was signed into law in the United States. On September 6, 1991, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced the National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities, a major five-year effort involving all levels of government and business, labor, community, and other private groups in bringing persons with disabilities into the mainstream of Canadian society.

Key U.S. Legislation

The basic principles of disability policy in the United States are contained in the ADA (P.L. 101-336), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1992 by P.L. 102-569, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (P.L. 94-142, as amended). Policies and programs authorized by these laws do not provide a seamless transition through education, employment, health care, and civil rights for people with disabilities. However, each one of these laws

does provide important basic rights in each of those areas, and, when viewed in combination with the Social Security Act's disability insurance program, the Supplemental Security Income program, and Medicare and Medicaid programs, the laws provide the basis for integration of people who are blind or visually impaired into the mainstream of this country's social, political, and economic life.

The ADA is the most far-reaching civil rights legislation ever enacted in the history of disability policy in the United States. Prior to its enactment, federal nondiscrimination policy regarding persons with disabilities related only to programs involving receipt of federal funds or employment by federal agencies. The ADA extends those policies to almost every segment of society. Discrimination against people with disabilities is prohibited in employment, state and local government services, transportation, public accommodations, and telecommunications arrangements. To achieve this goal, the ADA sets forth the following as its basic purposes:

- To provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of

discrimination against people with disabilities.

- To ensure that the federal government plays a central role in enforcing the standards established in the act on behalf of individuals with disabilities.
- To invoke the sweep of congressional authority, including the power to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment and to regulate commerce, in order to address the major areas of discrimination faced day to day by people with disabilities.

What does all this mean to people who are blind or visually impaired? It can mean that they have the same fair chance for consideration for employment that anyone else has, provided that they can perform the essential functions of the job, with or without a reasonable accommodation, and the employer is among those covered by the act. It also means that they should have the same fair chance to be considered for promotion and training by the employer once they are employed. It means that state and local government agencies cannot exclude them from participating in government services, programs, or other activities. And it means that

the operator of a public transit system has the obligation to provide schedules and information in an accessible format for them. In a place of public accommodation like a motel, restaurant, bar, movie theater, or doctor's office, policies must provide for a means of effective communication with the customer or recipient of services who is disabled.

The ADA provides a much more comprehensive list of circumstances and areas covered than those mentioned in this brief overview. It also outlines certain allowances for employers and places of public accommodation, such as circumstances under which an employer would not be required to make a reasonable accommodation or a public accommodation would not have to alter the nature of the goods and services it provides to comply with the law. This *Directory* lists the governmental units that are responsible for regulating and enforcing the ADA (see U.S. Federal Agencies listings) and provides later in this section a list of sources where more complete explanations of each title of the ADA may be obtained in an accessible format.

The authority for training and finding employment for people with mental and physical disabilities is provided by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by P.L. 102-569, through a federal-state partnership and a series of research, training, and demonstration projects. Services authorized by the act for people who are blind or visually impaired are provided in many states through a separate state vocational rehabilitation agency for blind persons. The 1992 amendments to the act provide that, in these states, there may also be a separate rehabilitation advisory council for the state agency for blind persons.

In addition, the act provides the authority for separate independent living services for elderly blind people. The 1992 amendments also require that all programs, projects, and activities receiving assistance under the act shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the principle of equal access, including the use of accessible formats. Client services under the act are driven by the Individualized Written Rehabilitation Program (IWRP) that is to be created for each individual. This is a key element for people who are blind. Once a determination of eligibility is made, this document is negotiated by the client and the rehabilitation counselor. Moreover, the act indicates that the IWRP is to be provided in the client's customary mode of communication. The act also provides authority for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for the Blind and for long-term projects to train professionals like orientation and mobility instructors and rehabilitation teachers for blind individuals.

IDEA, a central piece of legislation relating to the education of persons with disabilities, has the following as its stated goals:

- To ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs.
- To ensure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents and guardians are protected.
- To assist states and localities to provide for the education of all children with disabilities.
- To assess and ensure the effectiveness of efforts to educate children with disabilities.

The major components of IDEA are basic state grants that provide formula grants to cover part of the cost of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities; preschool state grants that are separate allotments to states to encourage services to preschool children with disabilities; and early intervention state grants to provide services for infants and toddlers and their families. The early intervention grants, authorized by P.L. 99-457, require vision service components as a part of the state plan and call for services to be provided by qualified personnel, including orientation and mobility specialists. Part C, Section 622 of IDEA, Centers and Services for Deaf Blind Children, provides assistance to state and local agencies to provide appropriate services to children who are deaf-blind. Services and education programs for children who are blind or visually impaired are also authorized by the state-operated programs section (P.L. 89-313) of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act, which provides financial assistance to state agencies for programs to meet the special education needs of children with disabilities in state-operated or state-supported schools.

Specific U.S. Programs

This listing of major U.S. federal programs of interest to blind and visually impaired persons includes the names and addresses of the administering agencies. For further information about these and other programs, contact your professional or consumer organization or the Governmental Relations Department of the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB).

Affirmative Action

Section 503, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, provides for antidiscrimination protection for qualified individuals with disabilities by federal contractors.

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C3325, Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-9475.

Architectural Accessibility

Section 502, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, established the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to ensure compliance with P.L. 90-480, Architectural Barriers Act of 1968; provides technical assistance and establishes architectural accessibility standards. Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1992 (P.L. 102-569) require that the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) develop advisory guidelines for and provide appropriate technical assistance to individuals or entities with rights or duties under regulations prescribed pursuant to Titles II and III of the ADA with respect to overcoming architectural, transportation, and communication barriers, and establish and maintain minimum guidelines and requirements for the standards pursuant to the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, and Titles II and III of the ADA of 1990. (See also Architectural Accessibility in Federal Buildings).

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004-1111 (202) 272-5434.

Architectural Accessibility in Federal Buildings

The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, P.L. 90-480, requires that

most buildings and facilities designed, constructed, or altered with federal funds after 1969 be accessible to people with disabilities.

General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Office of Real Property Development, 18th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20405 (202) 501-1025.

Civil Rights

See section on the ADA at the beginning of this section and also under U.S. Federal Agencies listings for information and for addresses and phone contacts for entities responsible for enforcement.

In addition, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 contains other key civil rights protections for individuals with disabilities. Section 504 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in programs receiving federal assistance. In 1988, this section was amended to ensure that the term "program" or "activity" meant that the entire institution, not just the individual program receiving the assistance, is subject to Section 504 requirements. Section 501 protects individuals with disabilities from employment discrimination by federal agencies and requires that each agency develop an affirmative action plan for hiring and advancing qualified individuals with disabilities within the agency. Section 503 of the act requires government contractors and subcontractors to take affirmative action to employ and advance qualified individuals with disabilities.

Rehabilitation Act, Section 504: Coordination and Review Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530 (202) 514-2151. Rehabilitation Act, Section 501:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20507 (202) 663-4398 or 202 663-4599. Rehabilitation Act, Section 503: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20210 (202) 523-9475.

Electronic Equipment**Accessibility**

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 1992 by P.L. 102-569, directs that the U.S. Secretary of Education, through the Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and the Administrator of the General Services Administration, in consultation with the electronics industry and the Interagency Council on Accessible Technology, shall develop and establish guidelines for federal agencies for electronic and information technology accessibility designed to ensure that individuals with disabilities can produce information and data and have access to information and data comparable to the information and data and access of individuals who do not have disabilities.

General Services Administration, Clearinghouse on Computer Accommodation, KGDO, 18th and F Streets, N.W., Room 2022, Washington, DC 20405 (202) 501-4906.

Employment/Federal Government

Section 501, P.L. 93-112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, established the Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees to implement affirmative action programs.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Interagency Committee

on Handicapped Employees, 2401 E Street, N.W., Room 462, Washington, DC 20507 (202) 634-9071.

Affirmative Recruiting and Employment, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, N.W., Room 6355, Washington, DC 20415 (202) 632-1059.

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, 1331 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004 (202) 376-6200. (NOTE: If appropriate, also contact your state human rights commission.)

Employment/Workshops

P.L. 75-739, Wagner-O'Day Act, created the Committee for Purchase of Blind-Made Products; P.L. 92-28, amendments to Wagner-O'Day Act, extended provisions to workshops serving other disabled persons.

Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Disabled, 1755 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 557-1145.

National Industries for the Blind, 524 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07474 (201) 595-9200.

Housing

The Fair Housing Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-430) makes it unlawful for public and private entities to discriminate against people with disabilities in the sale, rental, or advertising of dwellings, in the provision of brokerage services, in the availability of residential real estate transactions, in the implementation of land use and zoning laws, and in the enforcement of restrictive covenants and deeds.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410 (202) 708-4252.

Library Services

P.L. 71-787, Pratt-Smoot Act, provided books for blind adults; P.L. 87-765 established in the Library of Congress a repository of musical scores and other educational, vocational, and cultural materials in the field of music for blind persons; P.L. 89-522 extends the availability of books and other materials to other physically disabled individuals.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, 1291 Taylor Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20542 (202) 707-5100 or (800) 424-8567.

Mailing Privileges

P.L. 91-375, Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, provides for free mailing matter for blind and disabled persons.

Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Program, U.S. Postal Service, Classification and Rates, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 20260 (202) 268-5195.

Rehabilitation Services

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, includes authority for the funding and operation of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults. See also discussion of this act at the beginning of this section.

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20202 (202) 205-5482.

Services for Older Blind Persons

Title VII, Chapter 2, P.L. 102-569, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992. (See entries under Aging Services.)

Social Security

P.L. 74-271, Social Security Act, created the social security insurance program; P.L. 81-734, Social Security Act amendments of 1950, enables legally blind persons to exclude some earned income from calculations of social security benefits; P.L. 89-97, Social Security Act Amendments of 1965, provides hospital insurance programs for aged persons; P.L. 92-603, Social Security Act Amendments of 1972, provides Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments to aged blind persons; P.L. 96-265, Social Security Act Amendments of 1980, establishes that work-related expenses not be counted in determining earnings for substantial gainful activities; P.L. 100-203 improves social security programs and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). P.L. 101-239 spells out that children under age 21 eligible for Medicaid and found to need service through EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) must be given all needed service, including other necessary health care, diagnostic service treatment, and other measures, to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered by the screening service, whether or not such services are covered by the Medicaid state plan.

Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235 (410) 965-3120. (NOTE: For immediate assistance and information, contact your local Social Security Administration district office.)

Special Education

P.L. 89-313, Federal Assistance to State Operated Schools for the Handicapped, provides financial assistance in construction and operation of elementary and secondary schools; P.L. 91-230,

Education of the Handicapped Act, extends programs of assistance for elementary and secondary education; P.L. 92-318, Education Amendments of 1972, prohibits discrimination by schools against certain groups; P.L. 94-142, Education for All Handicapped Children Act, now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), guarantees free appropriate public education with special education, related services, and an Individualized Education Program for each disabled child; P.L. 99-457, early intervention state grants under IDEA, extended and expanded mandated special education programs.

Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20202 (202) 205-5507.

Transportation

P.L. 93-503, National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, provides for access to public transportation and reduced fares to elderly and disabled persons. In addition to Title II (Public Services) of the ADA, which provides for access to surface transportation, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, provides various types of assistance for transportation for people with disabilities. The Air Carrier Access Act (P.L. 99-435) prohibits discrimination against any otherwise qualified disabled individual in the provision of air transportation.

For information on the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-4040. For information on the Air Carrier Access Act: U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Consumer Affairs, 400 Seventh Street,

S.W., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2220.

Urban Mass Transportation Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 9238, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-4040.

Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 10424, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-9360.

Vending Facility Program for Persons Who Are Blind

The Vending Facility Program authorized by the Randolph-Sheppard Act (P.L. 74-732, as amended) provides persons who are blind with remunerative employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on federal and other property. The program, enacted into law in 1936, was intended to enhance employment opportunities for trained, licensed persons who are blind to operate facilities. The law was subsequently amended in 1954 and again in 1974 to assure persons who are blind a "priority" in the operation of vending facilities, which include those in cafeterias and snack bars, as well as automatic vending machines.

U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Vending Facilities Branch, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20202, (202) 205-9317.

ADA Publications and Documents

Given its significance, a number of documents relating to the ADA are available from various sources. The following listing contains information on available materials, as well as the names and addresses of these sources. For further

information, contact AFB's Governmental Relations Department.

The Americans with Disabilities Act

Accessible Copies

The text of the Americans with Disabilities Act is available in braille and large print and on cassette and flexible disk.

American Printing House for the Blind

*1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405*

Print Copies

The Americans with Disabilities Act (P.L. 101-336), Publication #869-010-000-961W.

*Government Printing Office Bookstore
Central Office
710 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20401
(202) 275-2091*

ADA Title I, Employment

Final Regulations (with interpretive appendix)

Your Responsibilities as an Employer

*Your Employment Rights as an Individual with a Disability
Technical Assistance Manual
ADA Handbook*

*For further information, contact:
(800) 669-EEOC (800-669-3362)*

*For copies of documents, contact:
Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission*

*1801 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20507*

(Print Documents)

*Office of Communications and
Legislative Affairs
(202) 663-4900*

(Accessible Documents)

*Office of Equal Employment
Opportunity*

(202) 663-4398 or (202) 663-4395
(voice); (202) 663-4399 (TDD)

ADA Title II, State and Local Governments

ADA Title III, Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities

*Final Regulations Title II;
Highlights of Title II Regulations*
*Final Regulations Title III;
Highlights of Title III
Regulations*

ADA Handbook

Legal Activities Brochure

Technical Assistance Manual, Title II

Technical Assistance Manual, Title III

*For further information or for copies of
print/accessible documents, contact:*
*The Office on the Americans with
Disabilities Act*

(202) 514-0301 (voice)

(202) 514-0381 (TDD)

or

U.S. Department of Justice

*The Office on the Americans with
Disabilities Act*

P.O. Box 66738

Washington, DC 20035

*For electronic copies of the ADA and
selected documents, contact: Electronic
Bulletin Board (202) 514-6193*

Transportation Services

Final Regulations

ADA Paratransit Handbook

*For further information or copies of
print/accessible documents, contact:*

U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W., #10424
Washington, DC 20590
*(202) 366-9306 (voice); (202) 755-
7687 (TDD)*

Federal Transit Administration
Office of Chief Counsel
400 Seventh Street, S.W. #9328
Washington, DC 20590
*(202) 366-4063 (voice); (202) 366-
2979 (TDD)*

*For accessible copies of the ADA
Paratransit Handbook, contact:*
(202) 366-1655

Architectural Transportation Barriers Compliance

ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)

Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities

Transportation Facilities

Transportation Vehicle Accessibility

*For further information or copies of
print/accessible documents, contact:*

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

1331 F Street, N.W., #1000

Washington, DC 20004

or

ADA Information Line

(800) USA-ABLE (800-872-2253)

Canada: An Overview

On September 6, 1991, the National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities was announced. The stated goals of this five-year national initiative were equal access, economic integration, and effective participation intended to bring persons with disabilities into the social and economic mainstream of Canadian life. The strategy involves ten federal departments and agencies in working together on a wide range of activities with disabled persons, other levels of government, and the private and nongovernmental sectors to resolve such issues as access to employment, training, housing, communications, transportation, public sensitivity, and community integration.

Other key initiatives in Canada were the enactment of the Canadian Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination, the inclusion of persons with a physical or mental disability in the wording of the Canadian Charter

of Rights and Freedoms in 1982 to afford such persons the equal protection and benefit of the law, and the passage into law in 1992 of the Omnibus Bill to guarantee a large number of specific rights. Key legislation also includes the Employment Equity Act, passed in 1986, which obliged federally regulated employers and identified corporations to report on efforts to hire and promote disabled persons; the Canada Assistance Plan of 1966, which encouraged the improvement of provincial and municipal social assistance payments and aimed at encouraging the extension of welfare services by the provinces; the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act of 1977, which authorized payments to provinces for extended health care services; and the National Training Act of 1982, which offered training assistance to underemployed, unemployed, and disadvantaged workers. In addition, the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act of 1961 created the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Program and authorized the Minister of National Health and Welfare to enter into agreements with the provinces and territories to provide for federal cost-sharing contributions to meet 50 percent of eligible costs incurred by them in providing comprehensive programs for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons.

Specific Canadian Programs

This listing of major Canadian federal programs relating to the National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities of interest to blind and visually impaired persons includes the names and phone numbers of administering agencies. Additional

information can be found under Canadian Federal Agencies listings.

Department for the Secretary of State/Status of Disabled Persons Secretariat

The Department of the Secretary of State is responsible for coordinating the government's overall strategy regarding persons with disabilities as well as carrying out activities specific to its mandate. Through the Status of Disabled Persons Secretariat, this department plays the lead role in implementing and overseeing efforts relating to the National Strategy.

For further information: (819) 997-2412 (voice and TDD)

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation addresses the housing requirements of persons with disabilities by improvements and innovations in the quality, affordability, and choice of housing.

For further information: (613) 748-4832

Department of Communications and National Library of Canada

The Department of Communications has developed and implemented technology and services that improve communications for persons with disabilities. In addition to promoting ways of overcoming communication barriers, it has established measures for the sharing of information in alternative formats.

For further information: Department of Communications (613) 990-4316; National Library of Canada (613) 995-3904

Employment and Immigration Canada

Employment and Immigration Canada works to eliminate the disadvantages encountered by persons with disabilities in participating in the workforce.

For further information: (819) 953-7554

Health and Welfare Canada

Health and Welfare Canada assists in the integration of persons with disabilities through its health, income security, and social service programs, and with provinces and territories in their provision of health and social programs.

For further information: (613) 957-2888 or TDD (613) 952-7128

Fitness and Amateur Sport

Fitness and Amateur Sport initiates programs that enhance opportunities for Canadians with disabilities to participate in physical activity and reinforces advocacy measures that support the inclusion of athletes with disabilities in major sports games.

For further information: (613) 992-8929 or TDD (613) 992-8381

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada improves the delivery of services to aboriginal people with disabilities in the various regions of the country and helps to improve the organization of and cooperation between various government and private agencies that provide services to disabled aboriginal persons.

For further information: (819) 997-0239

Department of Justice

The Department of Justice, together with the Department of the Secretary of State and other

departments and agencies and in consultation with disabled persons, reviews federal legislation that affects persons with disabilities to identify existing legislative barriers to the full social and economic integration of disabled persons.

For further information: (613) 994-1554 or TDD (819) 992-4556

Labour Canada

Labour Canada funds joint projects and assignments undertaken by trade unions, labor-management bodies, and organizations that represent persons with disabilities to raise awareness and develop innovative approaches to workplace issues of concern to disabled persons.

For further information: (819) 997-5470 or TDD (819) 953-8000

Transport Canada

Transport Canada improves access to transportation by providing financial incentives to industry on a partnership basis to encourage the use of equipment and devices that would enhance accessibility.

For further information: (613) 990-6055

National Transportation Agency

The National Transportation Agency introduces regulations required to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities and works to improve the monitoring of these regulations.

For further information: (819) 994-0775

Treasury Board Secretariat

The Treasury Board Secretariat seeks to achieve equal employment and advancement opportunities for persons with disabilities.

For further information: (613) 957-2425 or TDD (613) 957-9090

Canadian Human Rights Commission

The Canadian Human Rights Commission seeks to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities and to monitor prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability.

For further information: (613) 995-1151 or TDD (613) 996-5211

Publications and Documents

A number of publications as well as other information on the

Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Program are available.

VRDP Act and Standard Agreement***VRDP Act Annual Report
Department of National Health and Welfare Annual Report******Guidelines Relating to Cost Sharing under the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, 1988-90******Expenditure Plan (Part III of the Main Estimates)—Health and Welfare Canada***

For information or publications, contact:

*Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Program
Social Service Programs Branch
Department of Health and Welfare
Finance Building, Second Floor
Ottawa, ON K1A 1B5*

For information or documents relating to the National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities, contact:

*Disabled Persons Unit
Finance Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, ON K1A 1B5
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Inegra Products (BC)	499
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Canadian National Institute for the Blind (ON)	500
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Tash, Inc. (ON)	500

UNITED STATES

STATE LISTINGS

ALABAMA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Alabama State Department of Education

50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, AL 36130
(205) 242-8114 or toll-free in
Alabama (800) 392-8020
FAX: (205) 242-9708
Dr. Wayne Teague, Superintendent
Beverly Hunters, Program Support,
Division of Special Education
Services

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Through the Division for Special Education Services, provides assistance for in-service teacher training through state workshops or technical assistance to individual programs.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Area Served: Statewide.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Educational: Free appropriate public education for students 3-21 years who meet state eligibility requirements.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention System Division of Rehabilitation Alabama Department of Education

2129 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36111
(205) 281-8780, ext. 390
FAX: (205) 281-1973
Roan Frederick, Part H Early
Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Alabama School for the Blind Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

803 East South Street
P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3259
Thomas S. Bannister, President,
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
Ronald L. Garrett, Principal

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, mentally retarded, and orthopedically disabled persons.

Funded by: State grants.

Staff: 91 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1867.

Number of Clients Served:
1992-93: 140 on campus; 860 in
Instructional Resource Center for
the Blind.

Eligibility: Visually impaired
(20/70 or less acuity).

Area Served: Alabama.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy;
general medical services; speech
therapy. Contracts for other health
services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Programs for play/nursery school; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

Residential: Dormitories for all children. Also accepts day students.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; swimming; track; wrestling. Contracts for residential summer camp.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Southwest Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind

8901 Airport Boulevard
Mobile, AL 36608-9503
(205) 633-0241
Mary Lou Casey, Director

Type of Agency: Public school.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, and learning disabled persons.

Funded by: Mobile County public schools; state of Alabama.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-3:30 PM.

Staff: 16 full time. Uses volunteers.

Number of Clients Served:
Students in 1992: 105.

Eligibility: Public school student; resident of Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Washington or Escambia County.

Area Served: Southwest Alabama with center in Mobile County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school; training. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.

Provides consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: 0-5 as referred by state plan. Contact school directly—Mary Lou Casey.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Refers for recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Employment: Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling. Contracts for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

205 East South Street
P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3248

Terry Graham, Director, Office of Health, Evaluation, and Outreach

Assessment: Multidisciplinary; comprehensive assessments as well as IEP activities.

Consultation to Public Schools: Available to schools and school systems.

Direct Service: Technical assistance and other services available to schools, school systems, and other agencies.

Parent Assistance: Counseling and instruction.

Materials Production: Instructional and other materials.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Alabama Instructional Resource Center

P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3262
FAX: (205) 761-3337
Jim Stovall, Contact Person

Area Served: Alabama.

Groups Served: Newborns—adults.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Braille, large-print, and recorded textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille; large-print; tape.

Title Listings: None available.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Talladega College

Rehabilitation and Special Education Department
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 362-0206
FAX: (205) 362-8715
Dr. Elaine Sebera

Programs Offered: Undergraduate program in blind rehabilitation.

University of Alabama in Birmingham

Department of Special Education
Education Building, Room 122

Birmingham, AL 35294

(205) 934-3440

Richard Gargiulo, Visually Handicapped

Dr. Charles Herron, Multihandicapped

Programs Offered: Graduate programs for teachers of the visually handicapped.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

6030 Monticello Drive
Montgomery, AL 36130
(205) 277-7330 or toll-free in Alabama (800) 392-5671 or TDD (205) 272-0830
FAX: (205) 272-6514
Fara Zaleski, Regional Librarian

Type of Agency: Library.

Mission: To provide personalized and efficient library services in accessible format for persons with qualifying disabilities.

Funded by: Federal and state funds.

Budget: FY1991: \$341,190.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 6.

History/Date: Est. 1965.

Number of Clients Served: 5,184.

Eligibility: Unable to use standard print material due to physical disability.

Area Served: Alabama.

Reading: Recreational reading and basic reference.

Low Vision: Catalogs of products for persons with low vision; vertical files containing materials of special interest to persons with low vision.

Regional library of the Library of Congress providing braille, talking

books and machines, tapes, and tape cassette machines.

Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Houston-Love Memorial Library
P.O. Box 1369
Dothan, AL 36302
(205) 793-9767 or TDD (205) 793-9767

FAX: (205) 793-6645
Linda Ruffner, Librarian

Subregional library.

Huntsville Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 443
Huntsville, AL 35804
(205) 532-5980 or (205) 532-5698
FAX: (205) 532-5994
Joyce L. Smith, Librarian

Subregional library.

Library and Resource Center for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
705 South Street
P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3287 or toll-free in Alabama (205) 761-3288
FAX: (205) 761-3337
Teresa Lacy, Librarian

Subregional library.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County
P.O. Box 308
Anniston, AL 36202
(205) 237-8501
FAX: (205) 238-0474
Deenie M. Culver, Librarian

Subregional library.

Tuscaloosa Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Tuscaloosa Public Library
1801 River Road
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 345-3994 or TDD (205) 345-3994

FAX: (205) 752-8300
Barbara B. Jordan, Librarian

Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

6030 Monticello Drive
Montgomery, AL 36130
(205) 277-7330
FAX: (205) 272-6514
Fara Zaleski, Regional Librarian

Area Served: Alabama.

Groups Served: Preschool-senior citizens.

Types/Content: Recreational, reading, and basic reference.

Media Formats: Braille books, books on records or cassettes.

Title Listings: Subject listings and catalogs printed at no charge.

Barrett School

7605 Division Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35206
(205) 836-7173
Ann M. Connelly, Resource Teacher for Visually Impaired Students

Area Served: Birmingham city schools.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Library and Resource Center for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3287
FAX: (205) 761-3337
Teresa Lacy, Librarian

Area Served: Talladega, St. Clair, and Coosa counties.

Types/Content: Recreational; career/vocational; religious; leisure reading.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Southwest Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind

Route 5, Box 87
Mobile, AL 36609
(205) 633-0241
Mary Lou Casey, Director

Area Served: Mobile County public schools. Resource: Baldwin, Clarke, Escambia, Washington counties in southwest Alabama.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Alabama Radio Reading Service Network

1028 Seventh Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35294
(205) 934-2606
Charles Ewing, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-12:00 noon; Sun. 12:00 noon-4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1978 (WBHM-Birmingham).

Area Served: Three-quarters of Alabama.

WLRH Radio

4701 University Drive N.W.

Huntsville, AL 35899

(205) 895-9574

Scott Passmore, Volunteer Corp
Reading Service

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
6:00 AM-4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: 50-mile radius from Huntsville.

WTSU Radio Reading Service

219 Church Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

(205) 241-9574

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-10:00 PM.

Area Served: Dallas County to Shelby County, Alabama; Columbus, Georgia; and northern panhandle of Florida.

WUAL Radio Reading Service

7 Bryce Lawn

P.O. Box 870370

Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

(205) 348-6644

Betty Jobe, Coordinator

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Muscle Shoals Volunteer Information Resource Center

P.O. Box 2388

Muscle Shoals, AL 35660

(205) 381-1110

Tom Elliott, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Alabama Division of Rehabilitation Services

2129 East South Boulevard

P.O. Box 11586

Montgomery, AL 36111-0586

(205) 281-8780

Lamona Lucas, Director, Services to
the Blind and Deaf

Charles Rials, Assistant Director,
Services to the Blind and Deaf
James G. Harris, III, Supervisor,
Services to the Blind and Deaf

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To enable Alabama
children and adults with disabilities
to achieve their maximum
potential.

Funded by: State appropriation.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:00 AM-5:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Provides
taped and brailled materials.

Staff: 63 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Number of Clients Served: 3729.

Eligibility: Varies according to
different programs. Vocational
Rehabilitation Program—A mental
or physical disability that creates a
substantial vocational handicap to
employment and for whom
services will be of benefit for
employability. OASIS Program for
older blind persons—An
impairment that affects the
performance of daily activities.

Area Served: State of Alabama.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Minimum age
16 years.

Health: Refers for all health
services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Individual, family/parent,
couple counseling. Contracts and

refers for other counseling/social
work services.

Educational: Accepts deaf-blind,
emotionally disturbed, learning
disabled, mentally retarded,
orthopedically disabled, and other
multiply disabled persons.
Programs for college prep;
vocational skill development.

Preschools: Early intervention
program serves children 0-2 years
of age; serves all disabilities.

Professional Training:
Internship/fieldwork placement in
rehabilitation counseling. Regular
in-service training programs.
Short-term and summer training.

Residential: Contracts with
Alabama Institute for Deaf and
Blind for residential programming.

Rehabilitation: Contracts for
rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Refers for recreation
services.

Employment: Career and skill
counseling; vocational placement;
follow-up service. Contracts and
refers for other employment-
oriented services.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices.

Low Vision: Exams.

Low Vision Aids: Purchased by
program.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Andalusia: Division of
Rehabilitation Services, 807 Eighth
Avenue, Andalusia, AL 36420-
2199, (205) 222-4114.

Anniston: Division of
Rehabilitation Services, 1105
Woodstock Avenue, Anniston, AL
36201-4799, (205) 235-3000.

Auburn: Division of Rehabilitation
Services, 1104 Haley Center,
Auburn University, Auburn, AL
36849-3501, (205) 826-4475.

Bessemer: Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 308, Bessemer, AL 35021-0308, (205) 426-1294.

Decatur: Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1686, Decatur, AL 35602-1686, (205) 353-2754.

Dothan: Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Drawer 698, Dothan, AL 36302-0698, (205) 792-0022.

Gasden: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 1100 George Wallace Drive, Gasden, AL 35999-6501, (205) 547-6974.

Birmingham: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 236 Goodwin Crest Drive, Homewood, AL 35219-0888, (205) 290-4400.

Huntsville: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 407 Governors Drive, S.W., Huntsville, AL 35804-0405, (205) 539-6621.

Mobile: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 2419 Gordon Smith Drive, Mobile, AL 36617-2395, (205) 479-8611.

Montgomery: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 2127 East South Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36199-3801, (205) 288-0220.

Muscle Shoals: Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 2388, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-2388, (205) 381-1110.

Opelika: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 510 West Thomason Circle, Opelika, AL 36801-5499, (205) 749-1299.

Selma: Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1097, Selma, AL 36701-1097, (205) 872-8422.

Talladega: Division of Rehabilitation Services, #4 Medical Office Park, Talladega, AL 35160-2296, (205) 362-1300.

Troy: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 518 East Parklane Shopping Center, Troy, AL 36081, (205) 566-2491.

Tuscaloosa: Division of Rehabilitation Services, 922 Fifth Avenue, East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-2084, (205) 759-4493.

REHABILITATION

Alabama Industries for the Blind Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

1241 McClellan Avenue
P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3510 or (205) 761-3513
FAX: (205) 761-3505
Ray Miller, General Manager

Employment: Employs blind and deaf adults in a sheltered workshop and in one satellite operation.

Local Offices:

Birmingham: Industries for the Blind, Satellite Workshop, 220 34th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35212, (205) 252-3164, (205) 252-3957, FAX (205) 323-5897.

Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center

2125 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36199
(205) 288-0240
E. G. Smitherman, Jr.,
Administrator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Fees and contributions.

Staff: 85 full time/volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1961.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Audiology; occupational, physical and speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; counseling: individual, group. Placement in school and training. Referral to community services.

Educational: Tutor services for grades 1 through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; all other multiply handicapped. General academic programs; college preparatory; high school equivalency.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; rehabilitation counseling; physical, speech and occupational therapy. In-service training programs.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Easter Seals Occupational Rehabilitation Center

1616 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 939-5800
FAX: (205) 939-5849
Phillip N. Johnson, M.A.,
Administrator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities to maximize their potential.

Funded by: Community Chest, Vocational Rehabilitation Service.

Budget: \$ 1.4 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 32 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1963.

Number of Clients Served: 90 average daily attendance.

Eligibility: Disabled.

Area Served: Jefferson, Shelby, Walker counties. Other geographical areas upon request.

Age Requirements: Over 16 years.

Health: Clients in need of medical services are referred to appropriate agency.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, couple counseling; training placement; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: K through 12th grade; adult basic education; general academic; vocational/skill development. Accepts persons who are deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, multiply disabled, physically disabled, or alcohol/drug abusers.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Affiliated with University of Alabama; University of Alabama in Birmingham; Auburn University; Talladega College. Regular in-service training programs.

Rehabilitation: CARF-accredited vocational evaluations, work adjustment training, job readiness training, job placement, and job skill clerical training.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up services. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: CARF-accredited training.

Low Vision: Referral to low vision clinic.

**E.H. Gentry Technical Facility
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

205 East South Street
P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3402

FAX: (205) 761-3401

Celia B. Hilber, Vice President of Instruction
Dan Kearley, Dean

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and deaf persons.

Funded by: State appropriation; fees; workshop sales; sub-contracts.

Budget: \$3,600,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 92 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1968.

Number of Clients Served: 450 annually.

Eligibility: Must meet requirements of State Vocational Rehabilitation Service or U.S. Department of Veterans and be sponsored by State Vocational Rehabilitation Service.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: At least 16 years old.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts, refers for, and provides consultation to other agencies on other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.

Educational: Area secondary students; post-secondary and college preparatory; accepts deaf-blind, deaf, and blind. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development; technical training and evaluation.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Has regular in-service training programs open to enrollment from other agencies.

Residential: Dormitories.

Recreational: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; vending stand training. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment oriented services.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Five campuses are located in Talladega, Alabama. Regional centers are located in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Auburn, Mobile, Muscle Shoals, Montgomery, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa.

Mobile Association for the Blind

2440 Gordon Smith Drive

Mobile, AL 36617

(205) 473-3585

FAX: (205) 470-8622

Mahlon P. McCracken, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Operates a sheltered workshop for visually impaired

persons. Provides training in orientation and mobility, activities of daily living, recreation, and communication for visually impaired adults.

Funded by: Public funds, United Way, workshop sales, and sub-contracts.

Budget: \$2.2 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 35.

History/Date: Est. 1926 and Inc. 1932.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 354.

Eligibility: Determined by Adult Vocational Rehabilitation Service and/or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and/or Mobile Consortium-Private Industry Council (depending upon services client is seeking and agency applying through).

Area Served: Mobile, Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Escambia, Monroe, and Washington counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16-65 years of age.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Offers individual counseling. Refers for group and family counseling and social work services.

Educational: Programs for skill development, job search.

Professional Training: In-service training programs.

Reading: Reading services provided through volunteers.

Rehabilitation: Work adjustment training; activities of daily living; mobility; communication skills for all disabilities.

Employment: Sheltered employment. Job coaches for on-the-job training.

Low Vision: Limited staff assessments.

Low Vision Aids: Provided free of charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided by rehabilitation teachers.

Local Offices:

Mobile: Better Employability Skills Training Plus Program, 521 Bayshore Avenue, Mobile, AL 36617, (205) 476-5881.

Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Center
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 933-8101
Mark Voorhies, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services Programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

Workshops, Inc.

4244 Third Avenue, South
Birmingham, AL 35222
(205) 592-9683
J. E. Crim, Executive Director

Mission: Provides services to blind and visually impaired persons and all other persons with disabilities.

Funded by: Public funds, Community Chest, workshop sales.

History/Date: Est. 1955.

Area Served: Birmingham, Jefferson County, northern Alabama, and Shelby County.

Employment: Prevocational training; sheltered workshops.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

E.H. Gentry Technical Facility

P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35160
(205) 761-3404
Beauford Watson, Director,
Vocational Training

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Technical assistance in modification and set-up.

Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Medical Center
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 933-8101
FAX: (205) 933-4484
Gina Palmer, Supervisor

Computer Training: Braille and voice access systems; optical character recognition systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology
c/o Whaley & Grimes
P.O. Box 11252

Birmingham, AL 35202-1252
(205) 942-7577
FAX: (205) 942-6803
H. Evans Whaley, Executive
Director

**Alabama Optometric Association,
Inc.**

400 South Union Street
Suite 435
Montgomery, AL 36104
(205) 834-1057
FAX: (205) 834-1691
Virginia O. Campbell, CAE,
Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

**Center for Visual Independence
Eye Foundation Hospital**

1720 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 933-2625
FAX: (205) 933-2685
Mary E. Sloan, Low Vision
Specialist/Director

Funded by: Client fees, Vocational
Rehabilitation Service, and
Alabama Sight (Lions Club funds).

Hours of Operation: Mon.- Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist, low vision
director.

Area Served: United States, but
primarily Alabama.

Educational: Referrals provided.

Preschools: Referrals provided.

Reading: Assistance provided.

Rehabilitation: Assistance
provided.

Employment: Assistance
provided.

Low Vision: Assistance provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
purchase; prescribed and fitted for
variable charge. On-site training
provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointment; phone interview;
varies according to patient.

Local Offices:

Huntsville: Center for Visual
Independence Eye Foundation
Hospital, 204 Lowe, S.E., Suite 4,
Huntsville, AL 35801, (205) 539-
8851.

Montgomery: Center for Visual
Independence Eye Foundation
Hospital, 303 South Ripley, Suite
5900, Montgomery, AL 36104,
(205) 263-0105.

Liz Moore Low Vision Center

50 Medical Park Drive, East
Birmingham, AL 35235
(205) 838-3162
FAX: (205) 838-3773
Mary Jean Sanspree, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit,
community education, information
and referral, and training center.

Mission: To provide support for
persons with low visual acuity
within Alabama and the
southeastern United States.

Funded by: Eastern Health
System, Inc., East End Memorial
Foundation, private donors.

Budget: \$200,00 (hospital
support). Various private grants
and foundation funds available.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-
5:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1991.

Number of Clients Served: 600
per year.

Eligibility: Visual impairment,
blindness and/or referral from
physicians, social workers, or
rehabilitation agencies.

Area Served: Alabama,
Mississippi, and Georgia.

Transportation: Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Referrals for counseling,
social work. Assistance with classes
and referrals for ADL.

Educational: Teacher training
stipends, parent training, family
education, community education.

Preschools: Parent education,
information and referral services.

Professional Training: Teacher
training stipends in blindness and
deaf-blindness.

Reading: Resource room for use of
closed circuit television, video
education, and other educational
opportunities.

Rehabilitation: Through
Outpatient Occupational Therapy
Department.

Recreational: Golf school, adapted
art tours at Birmingham Museum of
Art.

Computer Training: Referrals to
rehabilitation and employment
training programs.

Low Vision: Training with ADLs
and low vision devices.

Community and consumer
education. Information and
referral.

Low Vision Aids: Referral for
prescriptions and evaluations.

Low Vision Follow-up: Training
with low vision devices.

**University of Alabama at
Birmingham/The Medical Center
School of Optometry
Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic**

1716 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35294-0010
(205) 934-3089 or (205) 934-3086
Rodney W. Nowakowski, O.D.,
Director and Chief, Low Vision
Clinic

Funded by: State and federal
funds; registration fees and
material fees.

Hours of Operation: By
appointment, Mon., Tues., Thurs.,
Fri. 8:00 AM-12 noon, 1:00 PM-
5:00 PM.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial period; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By appointment within 3 weeks to 6 months.

◆ ***Aging Services***

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Commission on Aging

770 Washington Avenue
Suite 470

Montgomery, AL 36130

(205) 242-5743 or Information &

Referral In State: (800) 243-5463

Oscar D. Tucker, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 11586

Montgomery, AL 36111-0586

(205) 281-8780

Lamona Lucas, Director

Rita Houston, Project Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

ALASKA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Alaska Department of Education

801 West Tenth Street, #200

Goldbelt Building

Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 465-2800

Jerry Covey, Commissioner

Richard Smiley, Acting

Administrator, Office of Special Services, (907) 465-2970

Mission: Administers special educational programs through the Division of Education Program Support.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$8 million.

Area Served: Alaska.

For further information, consult the director of Education Program Support or the administrator of the Office for Exceptional Children. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention Program

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

1231 Gambell Street

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 278-3841

FAX: (907) 277-6841

Caroline Wolf, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

The State Infant Learning Program funds an itinerant consulting program for blind and visually impaired children, birth-3 years, and their families. Works with local

early intervention programs to develop appropriate Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs).

SCHOOLS

Special Education Service Agency

2217 East Tudor Road

Suite 1

Anchorage, AK 99507

(907) 562-7372

Chris Robinson, Executive Director

Betty Barats, Program Supervisor

for Blind and Visually Impaired

Brenda Jager, Coordinator,

Statewide Consultant, Services for Deaf-Blind

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind and legally blind persons.

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Students must be referred by district Special Education Director.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Refers for health services.

Educational: Ages 3-21. Accepts deaf-blind, mentally retarded; other multiply disabled students.

Special blind program. Programs

for college prep; general academic; vocational/skills development;

parent-infant education. Itinerant staff delivers on-site services

statewide to all local districts.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon;

electronic mobility aids; home

management; orientation/mobility;

rehabilitation teaching in student's

home and community; sensory

training.

Employment: Career and skill

counseling. Refers for other

employment services. Provides

consultation to other agencies.

Prevocational evaluation.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school

superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Special Education Service Agency

Infant Learning Program

2217 East Tudor Road

Suite 1

Anchorage, AK 99507

(907) 562-7372

Chris Robinson, Executive Director

Angela Finch, Program

Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 3 full time (includes dually and triply certified teachers).

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, with or without additional disabilities.

Area Served: Alaska.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Health: Refers for health services.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; parent and teacher training. Consultant services to other programs.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Special Education Service Agency

2217 East Tudor Road

Suite 1

Anchorage, AK 99507

(907) 562-7372

FAX: (907) 562-0545

William McIver, Specialist for Blind and Visually Impaired

Area Served: Alaska.

Groups Served: Birth-21; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, parent/professional materials.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: Provided at no charge.

Provides technical assistance, training, and consultation to school districts with students who are visually impaired.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Alaska State Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

344 West Third Avenue
Suite 125

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 272-3033

FAX: (907) 272-8484

Pat Meek, Library Assistant

Regional library for the blind and physically handicapped and distributor of talking book machines.

RADIO READING

A.I.R.R.E.S. Radio Reading Service

1102 West International Airport Road

Anchorage, AK 99518

(907) 563-2121

Louise Rude, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Area Served: Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Alaska Affiliate

P.O. Box 22016

Juneau, AK 99802

(907) 586-2493

Norma Jean McCorcle, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

801 West Tenth Street
Suite 200

Juneau, AK 99801-1894

(907) 465-2814

FAX: (907) 465-2856

Keith J. Anderson, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Alaska.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; vocational training and placement; vending stand training.

Computer Training: Training in accessible technology.

Local Offices:

Anchorage: Vocational Rehabilitation Administrative Office, Carleton Trust Building, 2221 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99508, (907) 272-4377.

Bethel: P.O. Box 1507, Bethel, AK 99559-1507, (907) 543-4444.

Fairbanks: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 751 Old Richardson Highway, Suite 102, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 451-6261.

Juneau: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 9085 Glacier Highway, Suite 102, Juneau, AK 99801-8033, (907) 789-0330.

Kenai: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 11355 Spur Highway, Benco Building, Room 208, Kenai, AK 99611-7755, (907) 283-3133.

Ketchikan: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Room 208, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-6655.

Kodiak: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 3389, Kodiak, AK 99615, (907) 486-5787.

Wasilla: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 867 West Commercial Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654-6937, (907) 376-4124.

REHABILITATION

Alaska Center for Blind Adults

3903 Taft Drive

Anchorage, AK 99517

(907) 248-7770

Joe Pattison, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Services to help the adult student become independent and self-sufficient.

Funded by: State and federal rehabilitation funds and other contributions.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 12.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Alaska.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Professional Training: Typing, computers.

Residential: Residential training facility for adults.

Rehabilitation: Independent travel; braille reading/writing; home economics.

Computer Training: Training provided on talking computers and calculators.

Low Vision Aids: Screenings provided.

Rehabilitation: Physical education; computers; communications.

Recreational: Activities to aid in rehabilitation and reintegration of blind individuals to society.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Alaska Center for Blind Adults

3903 Taft Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517
(907) 248-7770
FAX: (907) 248-7517
James King, Rehabilitation Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Alaska Optometric Association

1919 Lathrop Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 456-7760
Jeffrey G. Keene, Executive Director, (907) 694-2511

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Older Alaskans Commission
Alaska Department of Administration
Pouch C, Mail Station 0209

Juneau, AK 99811-0209
(907) 465-3250
Connie Sipe, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

P.O. Box F, MS 0581
Juneau, AK 99811-0500
(907) 465-2814
Keith J. Anderson, Director
Millie Ryan, Project Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

ARIZONA

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Special Education Arizona Department of Education

1535 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 542-3184

Dr. Kay Lund, State Director of
Special Education

Lynn Busenbark, Preschool Project
Specialist, (602) 542-3587

Julie Williams, Director of State and
Federal Programs

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides consultation on
educational services for visually
impaired students. Administers
state funds available for blind
children in public schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1961.

Area Served: Arizona.

Contact the Director of Special
Education for information about
programs in local schools.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Infants and Toddlers

Arizona Department of Economic Security

P.O. Box 6123, 801-A-6

Phoenix, AZ 85005

(602) 542-5577

FAX: (602) 542-5552

Diane Renne, Ed.D., Executive
Director

Coordination of multi-agency
service system for infants and
toddlers.

SCHOOLS

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

1200 West Speedway Boulevard

P.O. Box 5545

Tucson, AZ 85703-0545

(602) 770-3700

FAX: (602) 770-3711

Noel E. Stephens, Director, School
for the Blind

Dr. Ralph Bartley, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Services for totally blind,
legally blind, visually impaired,
deaf-blind, learning disabled,
mentally retarded, deaf and hard of
hearing, emotionally disturbed, and
orthopedically disabled persons.

Funded by: Federal and state
appropriations.

Budget: \$86,600.

Hours of Operation: Office hours:
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Educational staff: 20;
residential staff: 19; vocational/
physical education staff: 12.

History/Date: Est. 1912.

Number of Clients Served:
1991-92: 85.

Eligibility: Hearing or visually
impaired children who can benefit
from the program.

Area Served: State of Arizona.

Out-of-state students accepted on
tuition basis.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; speech
therapy. Contracts, refers for other
health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Social evaluation;
psychological testing and
evaluation; individual, group
counseling; placement in school.
Refers for other counseling/social
work services.

Educational: Grades K through 12.
Infant and preschool programs at
regional sites; college prep; general
academic; vocational skill

development; activities of daily
living; orientation/mobility;
independent living program; parent
outreach program: education and
training for parents of visually
impaired children ages 0-5.

Preschools: Center-based
programs in Tucson and Phoenix
metropolitan areas.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in
orientation/mobility; rehabilitation
counseling; special education.
Regular in-service training
programs, open to enrollment from
other agencies.

Reading: Offers students the
opportunity to register for Library
of Congress talking book/cassette
program; provides instructional
materials in braille, large-print and
auditory adaptations to students;
assists in accessing radio reading
service.

Residential: Provides 24-hr.
residential programming to
students outside of day
transportation area. All students
within 125 miles travel home each
weekend. All students return
home during designated school
break periods.

Rehabilitation: Students assigned
rehabilitation counselor from State
Blind Services as a part of
Individual Transition Plan
beginning at 14 years of age.

Recreational: Extracurricular
activities: Leisure Time Activity
Club, Game Club, Spanish Club,
outdoor education program,
swimming, and chorus. Athletics:
football, volleyball, basketball,
wrestling, track and field, Special
Olympics, and cerebral palsy
sports.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; career and skill
counseling; occupational skill
development. Refers and provides
consultation to other agencies for
other employment services.

Computer Training: Full array of computer education using technology which allows large-print, braille, and auditory output.

Low Vision: Referral to low vision clinic for evaluations and follow-up.

Low Vision Aids: Assistance to families for third-party purchase of low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Foundation for Blind Children

1201 North 85th Place

Scottsdale, AZ 85257

(602) 947-3744

FAX: (602) 949-7814

Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; multiply disabled blind.

Funded by: United Way, government grants and contracts, fees for service, donations, and contributions.

Budget: \$1.5 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 50. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served:
(1991): 900.

Eligibility: Any child with a vision loss; Arizona resident.

Area Served: Arizona.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth to 21 years.

Health: Contracts for audiology; physical, occupational and speech therapy for young children.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling for young children and school age children, families, groups.

Educational: Grades preschool through 12 and nongraded. Serves blind and visually impaired,

multiply disabled blind persons. Operates cooperative preschool classes for blind and visually impaired and multiply disabled blind persons. Designated state depository for instructional materials for public and private schools.

Preschools: 10 month specialized preschool programs - 2 locations. 12 month, home-based infant program, and birth to 3 years.

Professional Training:

Internships/fieldwork in special education/visually impaired. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Equipment available. Materials in braille, large print, supplemental media. Teaching tools and other materials available.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; communications. Conducts summer independent living program; prevocational counseling.

Recreational: Provides summer programs for blind and multiply disabled preschoolers; summer program for school age children.

Local Offices:

Gilbert: Outreach Preschool, 1030 North Grotto Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85234.

Phoenix: Cooperative Preschool, 3310 North 10th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013, (602) 279-3313.

Rio Salado Community College

135 North Second Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85003

(602) 256-7722

Myrna Harrison, President

Mission: Services for homebound individuals.

Eligibility: Severely disabled, homebound.

Educational: Interactive classes via telephone on SUNDIAL teleconference system.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Parent Outreach Program for the Visually Impaired

1200 West Speedway Boulevard
P.O. Box 5545

Tucson, AZ 85703-0545

(602) 770-3677

Joni Kiser, Director, Regional Services Program

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Committed to excellence in education of all children with sensory impairments throughout Arizona.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313, private donations, and state funds.

Budget: \$500,000.

Staff: 39.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Number of Clients Served: 170.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or multiply disabled.

Area Served: State of Arizona.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision and initial ophthalmological examinations. Refers to other services for medical care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; perceptual/social/emotional development.

Educational: Reading and math readiness.

Preschools: Home teaching; consultant services to other programs and center-based programs for visually impaired children.

Reading: Developmental approach to literacy, including low vision training/prereading and prebraille skills.

Residential: Home-based, consultant services to other programs.

Rehabilitation: Visual/conceptual development; auditory/sensory training.

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Visually Impaired Preschooler's Center

423 North Tucson Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85716
(602) 628-5820
FAX: (602) 628-5092
Joni Kiser, Director, Regional Services Program

Type of Agency: State; day preschool; infant outreach program.

Mission: Committed to looking at the whole child as a child first, who happens to have a visual impairment.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313; private donations; state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (center-based program). Flexible for outreach program.

Staff: 11.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 40-50 annually.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or multiply disabled.

Area Served: Tucson metropolitan area.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Low vision and initial ophthalmological examinations. Refers to other services for medical care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent education and support groups. Also refers to other agencies.

Educational: All aspects of infant, toddler, and preschool activities with disability-specific emphasis.

Preschools: Classroom for visually impaired and multiply disabled.

Reading: Prebraille; braille; low vision materials.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; visual development; auditory/sensory training.

Low Vision: Functional vision assessments.

Cooperative Preschool for Visually Handicapped

3310 North 10th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 279-3313
Elaine Baldrige, Director

Mission: Services to visually impaired and multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: United Way, public and private contracts, Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-2:30 PM (children); Fri. 9:00 AM-2:30 PM (infants).

Staff: 20. Includes administrator, teachers, paraprofessional counselor, psychologist, attorney, pediatrician available on consultant basis. Orientation/mobility specialists, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, rehabilitation teachers, and librarian available to program. Uses volunteers.

Eligibility: Any child with a visual loss, with or without multiple disabilities.

Area Served: Maricopa County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth-6.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests; other health services available on referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program with center

component for infants; classrooms with home teaching component for infants and toddlers who are visually impaired, multiply disabled, or deaf-blind.

Preschools: Consultation to preschools when children are placed out of the center.

Professional Training: Workshops and in-service training for staff.

Outreach (satellite) programs set up with school districts as needed.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

P.O. Box 5545
Tucson, AZ 85703-0545
(602) 770-3677
FAX: (602) 770-3711
Joni Kiser, Director, Regional Services Program

Funded by: State funds.

Located at: Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff.

Age Requirements: Birth through five years.

Assessment: Developmental transdisciplinary assessments available.

Consultation to Public Schools: Consultation with preschool programs serving visually impaired children.

Direct Service: Parent Outreach Program provides parent training in home and community.

Parent Assistance: Parent education and counseling provided on a weekly basis.

Professional Training: Trains professionals statewide to provide parent adviser services to families in their local communities.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Arizona

College of Education
Department of Special Education
Tucson, AZ 85721
(602) 621-7822
FAX: (602) 621-3821
Drs. Dan Head, June Downing, and
Annette Skellenger

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's, educational specialist, and doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind students and for orientation and mobility specialists.

Distance Education: Y.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library

1030 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 255-5578 or toll-free in
Arizona (800) 255-5578
FAX: (602) 255-4312
Richard C. Peel, Librarian

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 11,000.

Area Served: Arizona.

Regional library providing disks, braille, and cassettes. Distributes talking books and tapes. Tapes locally requested material on cassettes.

Prescott Talking Book Library

215 East Goodwin Street
Prescott, AZ 86303
(602) 445-8110
FAX: (602) 445-1851
Jill North, Librarian

Subregional library.

Special Needs Center Phoenix Public Library

12 East McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(602) 261-8690
FAX: (602) 495-5841
Cynthia Holt, Special Needs Center
Supervisor

Type of Agency: Municipal.

Mission: Information and library services.

Funded by: City of Phoenix funds for the Phoenix public library system.

Staff: 5.1.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Eligibility: Blind/visually impaired; physically/mentally disabled; speech/hearing impaired.

Area Served: Maricopa County.

Educational: Library services; readers advisory; reference services.

Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille books/magazines; transcriptions; large-print books; video print enlarger; VersaBraille; computers with synthetic speech; screen readers; Kurzweil personal reader.

Computer Training: Training in the use of the center's equipment.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library

1030 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 255-5578
Richard C. Peel, Director

Area Served: None specified.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, informational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

P.O. Box 5545
Tucson, AZ 85703-0545
(602) 770-3667
FAX: (602) 770-3711
Creagh Walker Day, Supervisor of Curriculum

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; educational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Foundation for Blind Children

1201 North 85th Place
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
(602) 947-3744
FAX: (602) 949-7814
Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

Area Served: Arizona.

Groups Served: Children and youths from birth through high school.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Recording for the Blind

9449 North 99th Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85345
(602) 977-6020
Robert J. Briscoe, Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

3627 East Indian School Road
Suite 108
Phoenix, AZ 85018
(602) 468-9144
Nancy Martin, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S.
national listings.

RADIO READING**Sun Sounds Radio Reading Service**

3124 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 231-0500
Dede Pearse, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: State of Arizona.

Sun Sounds Radio Reading Service

7290 East Broadway
Suite K
Tucson, AZ 85710
(602) 296-2400
Elissa Lines, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: 24 hours.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Tucson.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Arizona Affiliate**

4672 North 19th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015
(602) 242-9527
Marvin Freeman, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

The Dot Spot

◆ Rehabilitation Services**STATE SERVICES****Rehabilitation Services****Administration****Arizona Department of Economic Security**

1789 West Jefferson Street (930)
Second Floor, N.W. Wing
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-3332 or toll-free in
Arizona (800) 542-3778
Ed House, Section Manager

Type of Agency: State, a division
of the Department of Economic
Security.

Mission: Services for legally blind;
visually impaired; deaf-blind;
multiply disabled and blind
persons.

Funded by: Federal, state, and
local funding.

Budget: 1992-93: \$10 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible.

Staff: 91 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1966.

Number of Clients Served: 1991:
12,000.

Eligibility: Functional vision loss,
varies with individual program.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Sight conservation
program, eye examinations,
treatment, and eyeglasses for low-
income persons. Contracts for other
health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Psychological testing and
evaluation; individual, group,
family/parent, couple counseling.
Contracts and/or refers for other
counseling/social work services.

Educational: Transition
rehabilitation program.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in
rehabilitation; counseling; teaching.

Reading: Lends talking book
record players and cassette players
and related equipment and
accessories.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management; communication
skills, home management,
orientation mobility.

Recreational: By referral.

Employment: Vocational
Rehabilitation Services, Business
Enterprise Program, and Industries
for the Blind program.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Local Offices:

Flagstaff: RSA Region III
(Coconino, Apache, LaPaz,
Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai
counties), 121 East Birch, Suite 507,
Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (602) 779-
4147.

Flagstaff: C.U. Box 5630, Flagstaff,
AZ 86011, (602) 779-4511.

Phoenix: RSA Region I (Maricopa,
Gila, Pinal, and Yuma counties),
1430 East Indian School Road,
Suite 205, Phoenix, AZ 85014,
(602) 255-5641.

Phoenix: Arizona Industries for
the Blind, 3013 West Lincoln
Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009,
(602) 269-5131.

Phoenix: Business Enterprise
Program, 4620 North 16th Street,
Room 106, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Tucson: 10 East Broadway, Fourth
Floor, Suite 414, Tucson, AZ
85701, (602) 629-0225; toll-free
within Arizona: (800) 824-3093.

Tucson: RSA Region II (Pima,
Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and
Santa Cruz counties), 400 West
Congress, Suite 420, Tucson, AZ
85701, (602) 628-6810.

REHABILITATION**Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

3100 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 273-7411

Jim La May, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for persons who are visually impaired, 16 years of age and older.

Funded by: Contributions, fund raising, sub-contracts, United Way.

Budget: \$ 800,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 19 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Number of Clients Served: 1,150.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; doctor's statement.

Area Served: Arizona.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years of age or older.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training:
Internships available.

Reading: Volunteer reading services.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; beep ball; skiing.

Provides consultation to other agencies.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Computer Training: Refers for technology.

Local Offices:

Mesa: 247 North McDonald,
Mesa, AZ 85201, (602) 962-5612.

Peoria: Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 9451 North 99th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345, (602) 972-9382.

Scottsdale: 7375 East 2nd Street,
Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (602) 994-2350.

Arizona Industries for the Blind

3013 West Lincoln Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009
(602) 269-5131

FAX: (602) 269-9462
Donald H. Peterson, General Manager

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To assist physically disabled adults (primarily those who are visually impaired) to obtain their maximum level of vocational functioning and/or earned income.

Funded by: Workshop sales, state appropriations, sub-contracts, fund raising, and State Vocational Rehabilitation.

Budget: \$5,360,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:
Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 40.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 6,280.

Eligibility: Physically disabled adults (primarily visually impaired).

Area Served: Maricopa County.

Age Requirements: Adults.

Health: Sight Conservation Program.

Rehabilitation: Services available.

Employment: Vocational/prevocational evaluation and training; work adjustment/experience; job development/placement; follow-up; industrial workshop; work activities center.

Computer Training: Access.

Local Offices:

Phoenix: HANDILAB: 4506 East Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85018, (602) 840-3662.

Phoenix: Sight Conservation: 4620 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016, (602) 255-1850.

Tucson Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

3767 East Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85716
(602) 795-1331

FAX: (602) 795-1331
Sara Winter, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide rehabilitation, social and recreation services for persons blind or visually impaired in order to enhance dignity and self worth and encourage optimum levels of independence.

Funded by: Fees charged for services contracted by state of Arizona; contributions; bequests.

Budget: \$ 500,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM; special evening and weekend activities.

Program Accessibility: The facility and all programs are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Staff: 13 full time, 4 part time. Extensive use of volunteers.

History/Date: Inc. 1965.

Number of Clients Served: 500.

Eligibility: Visually impaired adults capable of self-care, if using activity center.

Area Served: Southern Arizona.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Health: Refers for all health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; group and individual counseling; social work. Information and referral.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines and books; recorded magazines. Transcription of braille; braille copying; reader service.

Residential: For Arizona residents in vocational rehabilitation programs. Short-term residential programs available.

Rehabilitation: Home and personal management in extensive daily living skills program; braille; handwriting; abacus; typing; orientation/mobility. Refers for low vision aids. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Recreational: Adaptive recreation program. Full range of arts and crafts; hobby groups; music; bowling; swimming; beep ball; golf. Refers for residential summer camps.

Employment: Work activity center; work adjustment training. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Individualized training in both screen reading and large-print programs.

Low Vision: Provides low vision education course prior to a clinical low vision evaluation.

Low Vision Aids: Referrals.

Private, non-profit independent living center.

Yuma Center for the Visually Impaired

2770 Avenue B

Yuma, AZ 85364

(602) 726-1310

Cal Robers, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind and legally blind.

Funded by: Contracts and Community Chest.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Eligibility: Client of Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Transportation: Y.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

P.O. Box 5545

Tucson, AZ 85703-0545

(602) 628-5564 or (602) 628-5289

Dick Upton, Computer Resource Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; training for instructors.

Tucson Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

3767 East Grant Road

Tucson, AZ 85716

(602) 795-1331

FAX: (602) 795-1331

Michele Frazier, Rehabilitation Supervisor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems;

word processing; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Arizona Ophthalmological Society

P.O. Box 2310

Mesa, AZ 85214-2310

(602) 886-2597

T. Glendon Moody, M.D., President

Arizona Optometric Association

3625 North 16th Street, Suite 119

Phoenix, AZ 85016

(602) 279-0055

Alvin Levin, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Johnson Low Vision Service Prentice Eye Institute

St. Luke's Medical Center

1800 East Van Buren Street

Phoenix, AZ 85006

(602) 251-8538

Sharon Dudley, Administrator

Carol Ebeyer, Supervisor

Kelly Hughes, R.N.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide quality low vision services to meet the needs of the community.

Funded by: St. Luke's Medical Center Foundation.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; psychologist; optometrist.

Number of Clients Served: 600 to 700 per year.

Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Workshops for visually impaired adolescents.

Educational: Low vision, outreach presentations at retirement communities.

Low Vision: Outreach; limited evaluations at retirement centers.

Low Vision Aids: Refundable deposit for trial period; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment, phone interview, varies according to patient.

Low Vision Facility of Boswell Eye Institute

10541 West Thunderbird
Boulevard
Sun City, AZ 85351
(602) 933-3402
FAX: (602) 972-5014
Albert L. Rhoades, M.D.

Mission: To assist visually impaired persons with optical and nonoptical aids; to help them cope with their visual impairment; to refer to local support agencies for assistance.

Funded by: Client fees and community grants.

Hours of Operation: Tue.
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Thurs.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM; Fri. 10:00 AM -
1:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant;
ophthalmologist.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served: More
than 200 annually.

Eligibility: Referral by
ophthalmologist; current
ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Through local support
groups.

Low Vision: On-site training
provided.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed;
purchased at local optical shops.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointment; support group.

St. Joseph's Low Vision Services

350 North Wilmot
Tucson, AZ 85711
(602) 721-3862
Tom Gagen, Senior Vice
President/Administrator, St.
Joseph's Hospital
Janet Dylla, Supervisor, Regional
Eye Center/Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; vision
specialist; psychologists;
rehabilitation counselor; optician
consultant.

Area Served: Southern Arizona,
northern Sonora, Mexico.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Low vision support group.

Low Vision Aids: Sells and lends;
on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Aging and Adult Administration
Arizona Department of Economic
Security

1400 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-4446 or Information &
Referral Northern Arizona
(800) 352-3792 or In Southern
Arizona (800) 362-3474
Richard Littler, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Rehabilitation Services

Administration

Arizona Department of Economic
Security

1789 West Jefferson Street
Second Floor, N.W. Wing
Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 542-3332

James B. Griffith, Administrator
David Beard, Project Director,
(602) 255-1850

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

ARKANSAS

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Arkansas Department of Education

Special Education Department

4 Capitol Mall

Education Building, Room 105-C

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-4221

FAX: (501) 682-4313

Dr. Diane Sydoriak, Associate

Director of Special Education

Bob Brasher, State Coordinator,

Educational Services for the

Visually Impaired, Arkansas School

for the Blind, P.O. Box 668, Little

Rock, AR 7220, phone (501) 324-

9561, FAX (501) 663-3536.

Mission: Under the direct supervision of the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Department of Education acts as a clearinghouse and depository of large-print and braille textbooks and adaptive equipment for visually impaired and blind students in Arkansas. Regional vision consultants assist local school districts by providing technical assistance. Orientation and mobility specialists provide direct instruction. Preschool consultants provide home intervention.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 16.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Number of Clients Served: 120 families of preschoolers; 600 school-age students.

Eligibility: Acuity of 20/70 or visual impairment that potentially affects education.

Area Served: Arkansas.

Age Requirements: Birth through high-school age.

Educational: 5 vision consultants provide technical assistance.

Preschools: 4 preschool consultants provide home intervention and center/day care technical assistance.

Reading: Educational materials center provides large-print/braille textbooks statewide.

Recreational: 4-week summer program for public school students on Arkansas School for the Blind campus.

Low Vision: Weekly low vision clinic sees 150 preschool/public school students annually plus all residential students.

Education Services for the Visually Impaired is the statewide program of the Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education. The project is directly supervised by the Arkansas School for the Blind.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Developmental Disabilities Services

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Donaghey Plaza North

Seventh and Main Streets

P.O. Box 1437

Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

(501) 682-8676

FAX: (501) 682-6571

Jackie Barrentine, Part H Early

Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Arkansas School for the Blind

2600 West Markham

P.O. Box 668

Little Rock, AR 72203

(501) 324-9556 or (501) 324-9561

(Educational Services for the Visually Impaired-Preschool Home Intervention Program)

Leonard Ogburn, Superintendent

Bob Brasher, State Coordinator,

FSUI (Outreach)

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically disabled.

Staff: 130 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1859. Home Intervention/Technical Assistance Program est. 1982.

Eligibility: Legally blind, Arkansas resident, educable.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; prescription of spectacles or aids; has low vision aids or devices; evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school.

Educational: Grades preschool through 12 and non-graded. Programs for general academic; vocational skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book machines, open reel and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Residential: Dormitories; on-site apartments for independent living.

Rehabilitation: Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 AM-2:30 PM.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Arkansas School for the Blind

2600 West Markham
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 324-9556

Leonard Ogburn, Superintendent
Roy Nash, Elementary Principal
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; transportation; low vision exams.

Funded by: State funds, P.L. 94-142 incentive grants.

Staff: 2 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Eligibility: Visual impairment, with or without other disabling conditions, 3-5 years old.

Area Served: Pulaski County.

Outreach and consultant services also provided. For information, contact Bob Brasher, State Coordinator.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Educational Services for the Visually Impaired

Arkansas School for the Blind
2600 West Markham
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 324-9561
FAX: (501) 663-3536
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

Funded by: Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education (IDEA-6B) funds, and Arkansas School for the Blind.

Located at: Central Office: Arkansas School for the Blind, with four regional offices in Educational Service Coop locations.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Age Requirements: Birth through high school age.

Assessment: Provide weekly low vision clinic to public schools, preschool and residential students. (Other assessments by Arkansas School for the Blind on request).

Consultation to Public Schools: Five regional vision consultants provide technical assistance.

Direct Service: Three orientation and mobility specialists travel statewide.

Parent Assistance: Four preschool specialists provide home intervention and assistance to centers/day care programs.

Materials Production: Depository-style educational materials center provides all braille/large-print textbooks statewide and coordinates braille/large-print prison project.

Professional Training: Local and statewide in-servicing annually.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Educational Services for the Visually Impaired

Arkansas School for the Blind
2600 West Markham
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 324-9561
FAX: (501) 663-3536
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

Area Served: Statewide (public and residential).

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille and large-print textbooks.

Title Listings: No title listings.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Department of Rehabilitation
2801 South University Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 569-3169
FAX: (501) 569-8694
Dr. Patricia Smith, Rehabilitation Teaching, (501) 569-3169
Dr. William Jacobson, Orientation and Mobility, (501) 569-3169
Dr. Cay Holbrook, Visually Handicapped, Teacher Education, (501) 569-3335

Programs Offered: Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of visually impaired students, orientation/mobility specialists, and rehabilitation teachers of blind persons. Summer certification programs.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Fort Smith Public Library for the Blind and Handicapped

61 South Eighth Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
(501) 783-0229
FAX: (501) 782-8571
Mary Nigh, Librarian

Subregional library.

Library for the Blind and Handicapped, Northwest

Ozarks Regional Library
217 East Dickson Street
Fayetteville, AR 72701
(501) 442-6253
Rachel Anne Ames, Librarian

Subregional library.

Library for the Blind and Handicapped, Southwest

CLOC Regional Library
P.O. Box 668
Magnolia, AR 71753
(501) 234-1991
Christine McDonald, Librarian

Subregional library.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201-1081
(501) 682-1155
FAX: (501) 682-1529
John J.D. Hall, Regional Librarian

Type of Agency: Public library.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Area Served: Arkansas.

Regional library providing braille books and talking books, on record

and cassette, and talking book machines.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Northeast

Crowley Ridge Regional Library
315 West Oak
Jonesboro, AR 72401
(501) 935-2114
FAX: (501) 935-7987
Ruth Ball, Librarian

Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Arkansas Department of Correction

P.O. Box 1000
Wrightsville, AR 72183
(501) 897-5806
Ray Hobbs, Warden, (501) 897-5716

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings.

RADIO READING

Arkansas Radio Reading Service

2600 West Markham
P.O. Box 668
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 663-4540
Randy Johnson, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
6:00 AM-11:30 PM; Sat.-Sun.
6:00 AM-2:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: 50-mile radius from Little Rock, covering central Arkansas.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind

411 Victory Street
P.O. Box 3237
Little Rock, AR 72203
(501) 324-9270
James C. Hudson, Director

Type of Agency: State rehabilitation.

Funded by: State funds; foundation grants.

Budget: 1993: \$4.5 million.

Staff: 83 full time, 14 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 2,716.

Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually impaired persons and all ages.

Health: Provides, purchases or refers for the following health services: diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision service or clinic; audiology therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and referral services.

Professional Training: Internships and supervised field placements in rehabilitation counseling, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching and social work.

Rehabilitation: Provides or purchases the following services: personal management; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Employment: Provides or purchases the following services: prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention and job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Batesville: Division of Services for the Blind, 1652 White Drive, P.O. Box 3669, Batesville, AR 72503, (501) 793-4153.

El Dorado: Division of Services for the Blind, 123 West 18th, El Dorado, AR 71730, (501) 863-6148.

Fayetteville: Division of Services for the Blind, 4044 Frontage Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703, (501) 521-1270.

Fort Smith: Division of Services for the Blind, 616 Garrison Building, Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901, (501) 782-4555.

Jonesboro: Division of Services for the Blind, 2920 McCellan Drive, Room 1106, Jonesboro, AR 77401, (501) 972-1732.

Pine Bluff: Division of Services for the Blind, Sixth and Mulberry, P.O. Box 5670, Pine Bluff, AR 71603, (501) 534-4200.

Texarkana: Division of Services for the Blind, 4323 Jefferson Avenue, Texarkana, AR 75502, (501) 773-0563.

REHABILITATION

Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind

69th and Murray Streets
P.O. Box 192666
Little Rock, AR 72219
(501) 562-2222

FAX: (501) 568-5275

James O. Avants, Executive Vice President

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop.

Mission: Training and employment of blind individuals.

Funded by: Workshop sales and contributions.

Hours of Operation: 6:45 AM - 4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 8 full time.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1940.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Central Arkansas.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Employment: Industrial evaluation; training.

Lions World Services for the Blind

2811 Fair Park Boulevard

P.O. Box 4055

Little Rock, AR 72204

(501) 664-7100

FAX: (501) 664-2743

Jim Cordell, Executive Director

Mission: Services for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$2,500,000.

Staff: 64 full time.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Health: Provides, purchases, or refers for the following health services: diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision service or clinic; audiology therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and referral services.

Professional Training:

Internships and supervised field placements in rehabilitation counseling, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching and social work.

Residential: Y.

Rehabilitation: Provides or purchases the following services: personal management; communications skills; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Employment: Provides or purchases the following services: prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention and job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Clinic and training.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind

411 Victory Street

P.O. Box 3237

Little Rock, AR 72203

(501) 324-9270

FAX: (501) 324-9280

Larry Wayland, Sensory Aids Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Arkansas Technology Resource Center

2801 Lee Avenue
 Little Rock, AR 72205
 (501) 663-8331
 FAX: (501) 664-1546
 Ginny Heiple, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Arkansas Ophthalmological Society

5201 Stonewall Road
 Little Rock, AR 72207
 (501) 663-5686
 Stewart Bell, Executive Director
 David Thomas Nixon, M.D.,
 President

Arkansas Optometric Association

University Tower Building
 Suite 819
 Little Rock, AR 72204
 (501) 661-7675
 FAX: (501) 661-1039
 Betty Valachovic, CAE

LOW VISION CENTERS

Lions World Services for the Blind

2811 Fair Park Boulevard
 P.O. Box 4055
 Little Rock, AR 72204
 (501) 664-7100
 Jim Cordell, Executive Director

Funded by: Patient fees.

Hours of Operation: Fri. 8:00-11:00 AM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; psychologist/counselor;

rehabilitation counselor;
 orientation/mobility instructor;
 rehabilitation teacher; special educator; licensed practical nurse; psychiatrist. Others available through referral.

Eligibility: Legally blind; diagnostic referral information and ophthalmic reports.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period without rental fee; on-site training provided.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Department of Ophthalmology
 4301 West Markham
 Little Rock, AR 72205
 (501) 686-5822

Funded by: State government; fees.

Hours of Operation: Fri.
 1:00 PM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; social worker.

Eligibility: Referrals from ophthalmologist prior to low vision examination.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in one month.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division of Aging and Adult Services**Arkansas Department of Human Services**

Seventh and Main Streets
 P.O. Box 1437 SLOT 1412

Little Rock, AR 72201
 (501) 682-2441 or Information & Referral (501) 682-8150
 Herb Sanderson, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Services for the Blind Arkansas Department of Human Services

411 Victory Street
 P.O. Box 3237
 Little Rock, AR 72203
 (501) 371-2587 or (501) 324-9270
 James C. Hudson, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

CALIFORNIA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

California Department of Education Special Education Division

721 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Mailing: P.O. Box 944272,
Sacramento, CA 94244-2720)
(916) 657-3213
FAX: (916) 657-2642
Shirley Thornton, Deputy
Superintendent, Specialized
Programs

Mission: Through consultants, coordinates the establishment and operations of special public school programs for blind and visually impaired students.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: Consultant specialists in the education of visually impaired and deaf-blind students.

Area Served: California.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Local Offices:

Los Angeles: Special Education Division, 601 West Fifth Street, Suite 1014, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 620-2151, FAX (213) 620-2850.

Consultation available to any professional or lay group operating public school programs for visually impaired children. Provides a directory of programs and services available throughout the state. Coordinates special funding for specialized books, equipment, and materials as well as specialized services. Has deaf-blind program. Operates clearinghouse depository of braille, large-print, and recorded

texts. Publishes guidelines for services for blind and visually impaired students.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

California Early Intervention Technical Assistance Network

650 Howe Avenue
Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 641-5920
FAX: (916) 641-5871
Linda Brekken, Birth to Five
Technical Assistant

Early Intervention Program California Department of Developmental Services

1600 Ninth Street
Room 310
P.O. Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 654-2777
FAX: (916) 654-3255
Ben Traverso, Manager
Julie Jackson, Part H Coordinator,
(916) 654-2773

Acts as lead agency for Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Part H addresses the birth to 36 month population with developmental delays.

SCHOOLS

California School for the Blind

500 Walnut Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536
(510) 794-3800
FAX: (510) 794-3813
Charles B. Boyer, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for blind children, including multiply disabled, deaf-blind.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 140 full time, 27 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1867 and Inc. 1922.

Eligibility: Local school district unable to provide services.

Area Served: California.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5-22 years.

Educational: Nongraded.

Residential: Dormitories for children and youths.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and mobility training.

Computer Training: Y.

Children's Vision Center Department of Ophthalmology University of California, Davis Medical Center

1603 Alhambra Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 734-6959
Lois Harrell, Project Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To help those who live and work with a visually impaired child to understand the unique perspective of the child and how to address related challenges.

Funded by: Grants and donations.

Budget: \$100,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 24-hour hotline (916) 734-6959.

Number of Clients Served: Over 200 families and children.

Eligibility: Any child under the age of 18 years who will benefit by diagnostically related (vision) intervention.

Area Served: Northeastern California.

Age Requirements: 0-18 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling for families about their child's diagnosis and needs.

Educational: Direct instruction in adaptive techniques for children

and professionals working with them.

Preschools: Visits and in-service preschools with blind and low vision children.

Professional Training: In-service and a one-day monthly course.

Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90043
(213) 295-4555

FAX: (213) 296-0424

Robert B. Ralls, M.S., President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled blind children, birth to 21. Services for blind and visually impaired adults; 18 to 70.

Programs: Infant family program, children's residential center, camp program, visions program, special education school, and vocational independence program.

Funded by: Fees for service charged to public agencies; private contributions.

Budget: \$ 6,000,000.

Program Accessibility: fully accessible.

Staff: 120 full time. 500 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1953.

Number of Clients Served: 3,500.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.

Area Served: California and other western states.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years (children's program); 18-70 (adult residential rehabilitation program).

Health: General medical and nursing services; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social and vocational

evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services; placement. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Nongraded. Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled, other multiply disabled persons. Programs for vocational/skill development, adjustment training, general academic. State-certified nonpublic school and residential living program.

Preschools: Non-center-based preschool services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement; in-service training programs.

Reading: Information and referral; talking book records; braille books; large print books; braille and recorded magazines.

Residential: Seven-day-a-week residential living for children and six-day-a-week for adults.

Rehabilitation: Activities for daily living; braille; typing; handwriting; remedial education; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory communication aid training; sensory training; low vision training and electronic travel aids; home repair; aids and appliance store; sensory aids center.

Recreational: Evening and weekend programs; year-round camp program; special interest events; speakers and activities; trips; bowling; swimming; arts and crafts. Summer residential camp program and day camp services for children and youths. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; prevocational and

vocational training; vocational and on-the-job training placements; occupational skill development; job placement and retention; job retraining; follow-up services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Orientation and training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Services provided on campus and community resources utilized.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Home-based infant/family services for children birth to age 3, special education school and residential living program for multihandicapped blind children 5-21 years old; summer and year round residential camp for blind, visually impaired children and youths. Year-round recreational programs; adjustment training for adults in six-day-a-week residential living program; library and sensory aids, computer and technology training.

**Santa Barbara City Schools
Program for Visually Impaired
Special Education Services**

723 East Cota Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
(805) 966-7768

Jan Ross, Program Chairperson

Mission: Services for visually impaired children, with or without additional handicaps.

Staff: 1 part-time administrator; 5 teachers (2 dual-certified, some early childhood); 2 aides.

Area Served: South Santa Barbara County.

Age Requirements: 0-22 years.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; home

teaching, itinerant teaching to other facilities and consultant services to other programs. Variety of support and related services available through other public school and community programs.

Preschools: Home teaching, infant and preschool.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Blind Babies Foundation

1200 Gough Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 771-5464
FAX: (415) 771-9026
Dennak L. Murphy, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provides programs and services that enable families, professionals and the broader community to meet the unique needs of infants and preschool children who are blind or visually impaired.

Funded by: Fund raising, foundation grants, donations, bequests, and contract service fees.

Budget: \$450,000 per year.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time, 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Number of Clients Served: 300.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Northern and central California.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Home-based early intervention, functional vision and developmental assessment, information and referral and consultation.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling for parents, siblings, extended family, and others involved with a preschool visually impaired child. Provides

information to family, schools, medical professionals, and others regarding individual children. Refers to other appropriate services.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas affected by vision loss. Some direct teaching provided by staff, but emphasis is on teaching parents to become teachers. Home-based direct services and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired infants, and visually impaired children with or without other disabilities.

Professional Training: In-service training for health care professionals, special education teachers, and others.

Low Vision: Referrals to eye care professionals; home counselors provide training in visual functioning.

Low Vision Aids: Available on loan to clients.

Low Vision Follow-up: Home counselors follow progress of clients.

Blind Children's Center

4120 Marathon Street
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 664-2153 or toll-free in California (800) 222-3567 or (800) 222-3566 out of state
FAX: (213) 665-3828
Mardi Robers, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services to young children who are visually impaired.

Funded by: Private donations.

Staff: 25 full time; 15 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1938.

Eligibility: Visually impaired persons, with or without other disabilities.

Age Requirements: Birth to 5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family support services; parent support groups; advocacy training.

Educational: Infant stimulation program; educational preschool; interdisciplinary assessment service; correspondence/toll-free phone line; publications.

Preschools: Center-based program.

Blind Children's Learning Center

18542-B Vanderlip Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 573-8888
FAX: (714) 573-4944
Gabrielle Hass, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; children's services.

Funded by: Grants and donations.

Budget: 1992: \$850,000.

Staff: 24 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1962.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; multiply disabled persons.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Consultation to other agencies in these areas. Information and referral systems.

Educational: Programs for preschoolers and infants on-site and in home. Consulting services to schools for K-12; itinerant teaching; orientation/mobility counseling; teacher consultation and assessment.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placements in social work; special education; psychological testing; human services. Has regular in-service training program.

**Braille Institute of America, Inc.
Youth Center**

3450 Cahuenga Boulevard West
Los Angeles, CA 90068
(213) 851-6122

Russell W. Kirbey, Executive
Director

Vicki Liske, Director of Infant/
Preschool Services

Type of Agency: Private.

Mission: To promote a positive
self-concept and increased
independence by building on the
child's strengths, overcoming
delays in development and
increasing the family's ability to
respond to their child's strengths
and special needs.

Funded by: Private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 9 full time; 15 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Number of Clients Served: 170
families.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Los Angeles,
Orange, and parts of Riverside, San
Bernardino counties.

Age Requirements: Birth - 6
years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction
in all developmental areas.

Preschools: Option for
mainstream experience in
community preschools with
assistance of on-site staff from
Braille Institute.

Professional Training: In-services
for professionals.

Local Offices:

Anaheim: Braille Institute, Orange
County Community Center, 527
Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA
92801-4820, (714) 821-5000,
Wanda Marshall, Director.

Rancho Mirage: Desert Center
Braille Institute, 70-251 Ramon
Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270,
(619) 321-2555, Jay Hatfield,
Director.

Santa Barbara: Braille Institute,
Santa Barbara Community Center,
2031 De La Vina, Santa Barbara,
CA 93105-9990, (805) 682-6222,
Joan Tadeo, Director.

**California Department of
Education**

Special Education Division

721 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 657-3213

FAX: (916) 657-5216 or (916) 657-
5086

Jack Hazekamp, Consultant

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 1 full time; variety of
consultants available.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Area Served: Imperial, Inyo, Kern,
Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside,
San Bernardino, San Diego, San
Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and
Ventura counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment;
genetic and other counseling; low
vision exams; immunizations;
blood tests available on referral
basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction
in all developmental areas.
Home-based program for visually
impaired children, with or without
other handicaps; consultant
services to other programs; referral;
coordinates services between
various agencies and programs.

Local Offices:

Los Angeles: Special Education
Division, 601 West Fifth Street,
Suite 104, Los Angeles, CA 90017,
(213) 620-2151, FAX (213) 620-
2850.

Organized network of agencies and
programs serving visually impaired
infants and preschool children and
their families.

Hope Infant Program

c/o San Diego County Office of
Education

6401 Linda Vista Road

San Diego, CA 92111

(619) 292-3835

Dr. Virginia McDonald, Director
Meryl Berk, Vision Specialist

Type of Agency: Public school.

Mission: Services to families with
disabled and developmentally
delayed infants, including visually
impaired and multiply disabled
infants, between birth and 3 years
of age.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 60 instructional staff
members.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Eligibility: Infants showing delays
in development or who are at risk
for delay due to medical conditions
or diagnoses, including visual
impairment, with or without other
disabilities.

Area Served: San Diego County.

Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction
in all developmental areas; home-
or center-based consultation
services in the following areas:
nursing; speech and language;
occupational therapy/physical
therapy; social work/parent
counseling; vision; deafness and
hearing impairment; premature

infant development; assistive technology and consultant services to other programs; occupational, speech, and music therapy; bilingual instruction available on consultant basis.

Infant-Family Program of the Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90043
(213) 295-4555 or (800) 352-2290
FAX: (213) 296-0424
Tori Schladen, Coordinator of Infant Family Programs

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for visually impaired and multiply disabled infants.

Funded by: Private donations and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Weekend camps and workshops.

Staff: 1 full-time administrator; 5 full-time specialists. Members of other disciplines available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Number of Clients Served: 150 a year.

Eligibility: Ages 0-3 years, visual impairment, and multiple disabilities.

Area Served: Los Angeles County area.

Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment on loan; low vision exams; physical therapy consultation.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family support services and direct programming for families and infants in home-based program.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Recreational: Family camps, picnics, and workshops on an on-going basis.

Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

4151 Middlefield Road
Suite 101
Palo Alto, CA 94303
(415) 858-0202
FAX: (415) 858-0857
Jane Merrill, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Private donations, income from capital funds, United Way.

Budget: \$830,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessible; American Sign Language available.

Staff: 9 full time (includes early childhood teacher of visually impaired children, dually certified teacher, physical therapist); 5 part time. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Number of Clients Served: 890.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; genetic counseling; immunizations; blood tests.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance available on referral.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based program for visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities.

Professional Training: Internships, student teaching.

Reading: Volunteers available.

Rehabilitation: Daily living skills; orientation and mobility.

Employment: Prevocational training.

Computer Training: Limited.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic. Aids and appliances.

Low Vision Aids: Available for purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

California School for the Blind

500 Walnut Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536
(510) 794-3998
FAX: (510) 794-3813
Sandra Adams Curry, Contact Person

Funded by: California Department of Education, Special Education Division.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Assessment: Comprehensive assessments in psychology, low vision, education, orientation and mobility, speech, and language.

Consultation to Public Schools: When requested, will provide technical assistance to local agencies to develop and implement educational programs.

Parent Assistance: Week-long parent training provided during assessment of students.

Professional Training: Workshops are provided on assessment and programming of students with visual impairments. Other workshops and in-services offered when requested by local agencies.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Clearinghouse for Specialized Media and Technology California Department of Education

P.O. Box 944272
Sacramento, CA 94244-2720
(916) 445-5103 or TDD (916) 323-2202
FAX: (916) 323-9732
Rod Brawley, Director

Area Served: State of California.

Groups Served: California schools; students with print disabilities.

Types/Content: Textbooks, state adopted texts, recreational texts.

Media Formats: Cassettes, braille, large print, electronic text.

Title Listings: Catalogs available.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

California State University at Los Angeles

Department of Special Education
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032
(213) 343-4411
Diane Fazzi, Orientation and Mobility, Visually Impaired Teaching Program
Dr. Raymond E. Hillis, Rehabilitation Counseling

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists. Undergraduate (bachelor's) program in rehabilitation counseling.

Distance Education: Y.

California State University at Sacramento

Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and School Psychology
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
(916) 278-6622
Dr. Charlotte Cook, Multihandicapped
Dr. Michael J. Lewis, Chairman

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of the learning handicapped and severely handicapped.

San Francisco State University

Department of Special Education
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132
(415) 338-1080
Dr. Sally Mangold, Visually Impaired
Dr. Sandra Rosen, Orientation and Mobility

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired students; orientation and mobility; rehabilitation; deaf-blind students.
Distance Education: Y.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Braille Institute Library Services

741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111, ext. 280 or
(213) 660-3880 or toll-free in California (800) 252-9486
FAX: (213) 666-5881
Fekade Tadesse, Machine Lending Information
Henry C. Chang, Librarian

Type of Agency: Private, nonprofit. Regional library of the National Library Service.

Funded by: Contributions, bequests, and foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1919 and Inc. 1929.

Number of Clients Served: 21,000.

Area Served: Southern California. Braille readers in Arizona.

Library provides braille, talking books and cassettes to blind and physically handicapped persons of southern California and Arizona. Press produces *The Braille Mirror Magazine*, *Expectation*, an annual anthology for blind children, and other braille materials under contract for free distribution to blind persons who read braille in English. Recording and reading services primarily for students' textbooks and other educational material.

California State Library Braille and Talking Book Library

600 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 322-4090 or toll-free in California (800) 952-5666
FAX: (916) 324-8121
Donine Hedrick, Librarian
Don Aday, Machine Lending Information

Funded by: Public funds and gifts.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 21.

History/Date: Est. 1904.

Number of Clients Served: 13,200.

Area Served: Northern California.

Regional library for braille, talking books, and cassettes.

**Fresno County Free Library
Blind and Handicapped Services**

Ted Williams Community Center
770 North Free Library
Fresno, CA 93728
(209) 488-3217 or toll-free in
California (800) 742-1011
FAX: (209) 488-3209
Deborah Janzen, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Library for the Blind and Print
Handicapped**

San Francisco Public Library
3150 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, CA 94115-2090
(415) 292-2022
FAX: (415) 557-4433
Martin Magid, Librarian

Subregional library.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION
SERVICES**

**American Red Cross
Braille Division**

10771 San Pablo
El Cerrito, CA 94530
(510) 526-7206

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Miscellaneous.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Braille Institute of America, Inc.

741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111
FAX: (213) 663-0867
C. Morrison, Coordinator Braille,
Transcription

Area Served: Primarily southern
California.

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational, career/vocational,
religious, application instruction
manuals.

Media Formats: Braille books,
talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Print and braille
lists available at no charge.

Braille Transcribers

4848 Cottage Way
Carmichael, CA 95608
(916) 971-7411
Joanne Call, President and Director

Groups Served: K-12; college
students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
recreational; career/vocational;
religious; foreign language.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

**Braille Transcribers Guild of San
Diego**

1807 Upas Street
San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 298-4219
Muriel Rumsey, Director

Area Served: California and other
western states.

Groups Served: K-12; college
students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
recreational; career/vocational;
religious; general requests.

Media Formats: Braille books;
cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Braille Transcribers of Humboldt

P.O. Box 6363
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 442-4048
Grace Harris, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational, career/vocational,
religious.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

**Braille Transcription Project of
Santa Clara County**

101 North Bascom Avenue
San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 298-4468
Peggy Dodge, Executive Director

Area Served: Primarily Santa
Clara county; also serves all of
United States.

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
literature, recreational, career/
vocational, any requests.

Media Formats: Braille books,
tapes on request.

Title Listings: Listed with Library
of Congress and American Printing
House Central Catalog.

Maintains braille library.

Castro Valley School District

4400 Alma Street
P.O. Box 2146
Castro Valley, CA 94546
(510) 537-3000
FAX: (510) 886-7529

Area Served: San Leandro,
Hayward, San Lorenzo, and Castro
Valley school districts.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks and
other educational materials.

Media Formats: Braille, large
print, audiotape.

Title Listings: None specified.

CompuBraille

2791 24th Street
Room 7

Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 452-6189
Betty Falltrick, President

Area Served: Primarily California; other states on request.

Groups Served: State schools, libraries, and individuals.

Types/Content: Embosses computer disks into braille.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Golden Gate Braille Transcribers, Inc.

1466 44th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122
(415) 566-1641
Evelyn Daiss, President

Groups Served: K-12; adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Inland Empire Braille Guild

761 East 20th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92404
(714) 883-0202
Audrey Moseley, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, special requests.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Kings Tape Library for the Blind

202 West Grangeville Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230
(209) 582-4843
Caroline W. Mackey, Director

Groups Served: Adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Landmark Heritage Foundation

2315 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 531-9184
Helen Ayres, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: None specified.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop

310 White Oak Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5942
(707) 539-0211
Fern Harger, Co-chairperson
Betty Mann, Secretary, (707) 538-0134

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Tactile teaching aids.

Media Formats: None specified.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Petaluma Braille Transcribers, Inc.

1459 Magnolia Avenue
Petaluma, CA 94592
(707) 664-1430
Phyllis Deaton, Director

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational, career/vocational, and religious materials.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Pomona Valley Transcribers Guild

215 East C Street
Ontario, CA 91764
Rose Kelber, Chairperson

Area Served: Primarily San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles counties but services are available to any area.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Quik-Scrybe

14144 Burbank Boulevard
#4
Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 989-2137

Types/Content: Textbooks, computer manuals, and other text materials other than music, including computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille.

Recording for the Blind

5022 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027
(213) 664-5525
FAX: (213) 664-1881

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

488 West Charleston Road
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(415) 493-3717
FAX: (415) 493-5513
Joanne Sweet, Contact Person

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

3970 LaColina Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-6393

See Recording for the Blind in U.S.
national listings.

Recording for the Blind

1844-C West 11th Street
Upland, CA 91786
(714) 949-4316

See Recording for the Blind in U.S.
national listings.

San Gabriel Valley Braille Guild

P.O. Box 255
Covina, CA 91723
(818) 331-2071
Susannah C. Mathews, President

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Santa Barbara School District

723 East Cota Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
(805) 963-4331
Janice W. Ross, Chairperson for
Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Talking books/
cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: Printed for a
charge.

Sequoia Transcribers

2730 West Seeger Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(209) 732-1912
Edith Pannell, Director

Groups Served: K-12; college
students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Print and braille
lists available at no charge.

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Hillel

12326 Riverside Drive
North Hollywood, CA 91607
(818) 763-9148
Julie Breitstein, Chairperson

Groups Served: College students,
other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Talking books/
cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Transcribers of Orange County

10982 Paddock Lane
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 731-5899
Alice Schultz, Assignment
Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

**Ventura County Braille
Transcribers Association**

P.O. Box 3353
Ventura, CA 93003
Helen Zillmer, Chairperson

Area Served: Ventura County.

Groups Served: K-12 and students
at community college.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
recreational; career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books;
large-print books; computer disk.

Title Listings: Available on
request.

**Woodside Terrace Kiwanis Braille
Project**

850 Longview Road
Hillsborough, CA 94010
(415) 344-0803
Alexia Draper, Chairperson

Groups Served: Adults.

Types/Content: Recreational,
cookbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Print and braille
lists available at no charge.

RADIO READING**Audio Vision Radio Reading
Service**

34475 Yucaipa
Suite #6
Yucaipa, CA 92399
(714) 797-4336
Tom Rach, Station Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
8:00 AM - 12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1991.

Area Served: Riverside, Orange,
Los Angeles and San Bernadino.

Broadcast Services for the Blind

20 Tenth Street
San Francisco, CA 91403
(415) 431-3128
Father Harry J. Mack, Executive
Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-11:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Area Served: Nine San Francisco
Bay Area major cities, including
San Francisco, Oakland, and San
Jose.

F.B.I.A. - Audio-Vision

1713 J Street
Suite 211
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 447-7323
Scott Duncan, President

Hours of Operation: Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00-12:00 noon.

KCHO-FM Radio Reading Service

c/o California State University
Communications Department
Chico, CA 95929
(916) 898-6896
Larry Sinclair, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Area Served: Chico area, plus 75 miles to the north in Redding, 45 miles to the south in Maryville/Yuba City.

KPBS-FM Radio Reading Service

San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182
(619) 594-8170
Mercedes Witherspoon, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: San Diego County.

Los Angeles Radio Information Service

1570 East Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91106
(213) 578-7231
John Madden, General Manager
Bill Ell, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Los Angeles east and central portion; northern Orange County; part of the San Fernando Valley.

PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS

Newsline for the Blind

National Federation of the Blind
5982 Southland Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822
(916) 424-2226
Sharon Gold, Contact Person

Newspapers Read: *Los Angeles Times*, *Sacramento BEE*.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Foundation for the Blind

Western Regional Center

111 Pine Street
Suite 725
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 392-4845
FAX: (415) 392-0383

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Blind San Franciscans

1591 Jackson Street
Suite B
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 931-8734
FAX: (415) 563-4896
Jewel McGinnis

Institute for Families of Blind Children

P.O. Box 54700
Mailstop #111
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0700
(213) 669-4649
FAX: (213) 666-6283
Nancy Chernus-Mansfield,
Director
Marilyn Horn, Assistant Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provides consultation and therapy for parents, siblings and extended family members of children who are blind or visually impaired, refers parents and physicians to organizations specializing in meeting the needs of children with visual problems; writes and publishes journal articles, booklets and newsletters; and produces videotapes.

Funded by: Private donations.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Professional Training: In-service training for health care workers.

National Association for Visually Handicapped

3201 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121
(415) 221-3201
FAX: (415) 221-8753
Charlotte Coate

See National Association for Visually Handicapped in U.S. national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Southern California Division

3702 Ruffin Road
Suite 201
San Diego, CA 92123-1812
(619) 576-2122
FAX: (619) 576-2123
Joan Greene, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

Northern California Society to Prevent Blindness

4200 California Street, #101
San Francisco, CA 94118-1395
(415) 387-0934 or (800) 338-3041
FAX: (415) 387-1689
Peter Jamgochian, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Fresno Affiliate

1045 S Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(209) 486-1490
Jennifer Williamson, Director of Information Services

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Northern California Affiliate**

1492 Bridges Court
Fremont, CA 94536
(510) 796-6457
FAX: (510) 796-6457
Mary Ray, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Orange County Affiliate**

14839 South Jalisco Road
LaMirada, CA 90638
(714) 994-1660
Charlene Miller, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
San Diego Affiliate**

5106 Avenida Playa Cancun
San Diego, CA 92124
(619) 279-6827
Patricia Jacobs, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Southern California Affiliate**

206 South Willaman Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
(310) 274-5505
Cathy Barry, President
Evelyn Nidetz, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**American Academy of
Ophthalmology**

**American Association for
Pediatric Ophthalmology and
Strabismus**

**American Society of Ophthalmic
Registered Nurses**

Audiovision

Beach Cities Braille Guild

Books Aloud

Contra Costa Braille Transcribers

**Foundation for Glaucoma
Research**

Lutheran Braille Workers

**Monterey County Braille
Transcribers**

MSMT Braille Center

**Peninsula Braille Transcribers
Guild**

**Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research
Institute
Rehabilitation Engineering
Center**

**Theosophical Book Association
for the Blind**

Volunteers of Soledad

Volunteers of Vacaville

Volunteer Transcribing Services

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

**Services for the Blind
California Department of
Rehabilitation**

Central Office
830 K Street Mall
Room 222
P.O. Box 94422
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-9040 (voice/TDD)
FAX: (916) 323-0364
William Tainter, Director,
(916) 332-8500
Manuel S. Urena, Program
Manager, Services for the Blind and
Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: State and federal
funds.

Budget: 1992-93: \$215,882,434.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 69 rehabilitation counselors
for the blind and counselor
teachers.

History/Date: Est. 1963.

Number of Clients Served: 6,594.

Eligibility: The presence of a
physical or mental disability that
for the individual constitutes or
results in a substantial handicap to
employment; and a reasonable
expectation that vocational
rehabilitation services may benefit
the individual in terms of
employment.

Area Served: California.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and
surgical treatment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Consultation and referral
service.

Reading: Reader services for
clients and nonclients enrolled in
community colleges, and private
post secondary educational
institutions.

Rehabilitation: Personal and
home management; orientation/
mobility; communications.

Employment: Evaluation,
prevocational and vocational
training; vocational placement;
follow-up; vending stand training.

District Offices:

Anaheim: 2190 Town Center
Place, Suite 200, Anaheim, CA
92806, (714) 935-2934.

Fresno: 2550 Mariposa Street,
Room 2000, Fresno, CA 93779-
4001, (209) 445-6011.

Long Beach: 4300 Long Beach
Boulevard, Long Beach, CA
90807-2008, (310) 422-8325.

Los Angeles: 3251 West Sixth
Street, Third Floor, Los Angeles,
CA 90020-2591, (213) 736-3904.

Los Angeles: 11130 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047-4896, (213) 779-5171.

Norwalk: 12440 E. Firestone Boulevard, Suite 215, Norwalk, CA 90650-4386, (213) 864-8521.

Oakland: 2229 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 464-0511.

Pasadena: 150 South Los Robles Avenue, Suite 4, Pasadena, CA 91101-2497, (818) 304-8300.

Pleasant Hill: 2285 Morello Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-1896, (510) 689-3010.

Riverside: 6848 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 5, Riverside, CA 92506-2886, (714) 782-6650.

Sacramento: 2225 19th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818-1690, (916) 322-8500.

San Bernardino: 303 W. Third Street, Room 300, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1885, (714) 383-4401.

San Diego: 5095 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92123, (619) 495-3600.

San Francisco: 2720 Taylor Street, Suite 420, San Francisco, CA 94133-1285, (415) 771-7200.

San Jose: 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Room 324, San Jose, CA 95113-1479, (408) 277-1355.

Santa Barbara: 350 S. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-4045, (805) 564-7703.

Santa Rosa: 50 D Street, Suite 425, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4764, (707) 576-2233.

Van Nuys: 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 110, Van Nuys, CA 91401-3377, (818) 901-5024.

Maintains the following center: Orientation Center for the Blind, 400 Adams Street, Albany, CA 94706, (415) 527-0027, Allen Jenkins, Administrator. Provides work adjustment and prevocational counseling; personal management; orientation/mobility; physical education; home management;

industrial arts; braille; typing; business methods.

REHABILITATION

Assistance League of Santa Clara County

169 State Street
Los Altos, CA 94022
(415) 941-4625
Nancy Griffiths, Chairperson

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social work/assistance provided.

Educational: Educational services provided. Supplemental services for mainstreamed K-12 students in public school system.

Rehabilitation: Communication; mobility; daily living skills.

Recreational: Recreational field trips/programs provided.

Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County

225 Laurel Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(408) 649-3505
FAX: (408) 649-4057
Kathy Henson

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To help blind and visually impaired persons become independent, contributing members of society.

Funded by: Private donations.

Budget: \$175,000.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 500.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired adults.

Area Served: Monterey County.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support group.

Educational: Braille instruction.

Rehabilitation: Home-based instruction in daily living skills.

Recreational: Exercise program, lunch, and ceramics class on Tuesdays.

Low Vision: Clinic open two days a month; full-time low vision specialist available.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Braille Institute of America, Inc.

741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111
FAX: (213) 663-0867
Russell W. Kirbey, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Free services for adults, youths, and preschool children who are legally blind.

Funded by: Contributions, bequests, grants.

Budget: 1992-93 (including capital expenditures): \$19,700,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 337 full-time equivalents; 3-4 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1919; inc. 1929.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 34,650.

Area Served: Southern California.

Age Requirements: Varies with program.

Health: Refers to other agencies for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological counseling and referral.

Educational: Programs for adults, youth, and preschool children in a broad curriculum with over 1,100 class sections and 226,000 hours of instruction.

Preschools: Integrated with community.

Professional Training: Internship and fieldwork; in-service training programs and seminars for professionals in allied fields.

Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille books, large print materials; information and referral; volunteer reading and tape recording services. Southern California Regional Library of the National Library Service.

Rehabilitation: Independent living skills; orientation/mobility on site and at home.

Recreational: Adult and youth programs; winter and summer camp experiences; swimming, sports, arts and crafts, physical education, woodshop, and music activities.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill development; vocational job club; refers and provides consultation to other agencies.

Computer Training: 1 full-time instructor. Training varies depending upon individual needs (usually between 12 weeks and 1 year). Access/training on computer aids and devices, microcomputer classes. Subsidy program for equipment needed in employment (southern California only). Contact: Director, Admitting Services (213) 663-1111.

Low Vision: Center demonstrates adaptive aids; extensive demonstration center for sensory aids.

Local Offices:

Anaheim: Orange County Center, 527 North Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801-4820, (714) 821-5000.

Burbank: Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 West Olive Street, Burbank, CA 91510, (818) 953-9594.

Camarillo: Camarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1605 East Burnley, Camarillo, CA 93013, (805) 482-4881.

Claremont: Joslyn Senior Center, 660 North Mountain Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711, (714) 399-5488.

Corona: Corona Senior Center, 921 South Belle Street, Corona, CA 91720, (714) 736-2363.

Corona del Mar: The Oasis, 800 Marguerite Avenue, Corona del Mar, CA 92625, (714) 759-1892.

Long Beach: Long Beach Senior Citizens Center, 1150 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, CA 90802, (213) 432-6099.

Los Angeles: Sight Center, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 663-1111.

Los Angeles: Youth Center, 3450 Cahuenga Boulevard West, Los Angeles, CA 90068, (213) 851-6122.

Mission Viejo: Oso Viejo Community/Senior Center, 24932 Oso Viejo Road, Mission Viejo, CA 92692, (714) 348-2063.

Northridge: Robert M. Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge, CA 91326, (818) 701-1001.

Ojai: Little House, 111 West Santa Ana Street, Ojai, CA 93023, (805) 646-0144.

Oxnard: Wilson Senior Citizens Center, 350 North C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030, (805) 984-4645.

Pasadena: Pasadena Senior Center, 85 East Holly Street, Pasadena, CA 91103, (818) 795-4331.

Rancho Mirage: Desert Center, 70-251 Ramon Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, (619) 320-5771.

Redlands: Joslyn Senior Center, 21 Grant Street, Redlands, CA 92373, (714) 798-7550.

San Clemente: San Clemente Senior Center, 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672, (714) 361-8827.

Santa Ana: Santa Ana Senior Citizens Center, 424 West Third Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701, (714) 541-9355.

Santa Barbara: Santa Barbara Center, 2031 De La Vina, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, (805) 682-6222.

Simi Valley: Simi Valley Senior Citizens Center, 3900 Avenida, Simi Valley, CA 93060, (805) 526-9237.

Sun City: Kay Cenicerros Center, 29995 Evans Road, Sun City, CA 92381, (714) 672-9673.

Thousand Oaks: Old Meadows Park, 1600 Marview Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, (805) 496-2463.

Ventura: Ventura Avenue Adult, Senior Center, 550 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93277, (805) 658-3035.

Center for Living Independence for Multi-Handicapped Blind (CLIMB)

161 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(818) 355-1447

Bill Young, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Residential services for multiply handicapped blind adults.

Funded by: Client fees and workshop sales.

Staff: 50. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Eligibility: Blind, multiply handicapped. Referral by state regional center.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Adult.

Health: Refers for diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and prescriptions for eye health.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Provides social evaluation, psychological evaluation/testing, and individual counseling.

Educational: Grades 12 and up: general academics; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training:

Internships in orientation/mobility.

Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille/large print books; braille/recorded magazines; book selection service; Optacon and other equipment.

Residential: Dormitories for multiply handicapped adults.

Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

Recreational: Continuing education; arts/crafts; hobbies; bowling; swimming; track.

Employment: Vocational training/evaluations; career/skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; placement.

Low Vision: Refers for prescriptions and fittings for aids.

Center for the Partially Sighted

720 Wilshire Boulevard

Suite 200

Santa Monica, CA 90401-1713

(310) 458-3501

FAX: (310) 458-8179

LaDonna Ringering, Ph.D.,

Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Rehabilitation services for partially sighted/legally blind.

Funded by: Government grants; private donations; fees.

Budget: 1992-93: \$1,050,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 15 full time, 9 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Eligibility: Visually impaired (visual acuity in the better eye not exceeding 20/70, but better than light perception; or visual field not greater than 30 degrees).

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Evaluation of functional vision; prescription and training in the use of spectacles/aids; sells or lends low vision aids or devices; diabetic support group; follow-up evaluation. Refers for, or provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological evaluation; individual, family, and group counseling; peer phone counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Professional Training: Residency internship/fieldwork placement in low vision, optometry. Open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Information and referral for large-print and recorded materials; closed-circuit televisions and computers for demonstration and limited use.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility and independent living skills instruction. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Limited recreational program for patients. Refers for recreational/leisure services.

Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Evaluations and prescriptions of low vision devices by licensed optometrists.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; individualized prescriptions; sale of optical/nonoptical devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Recheck appointments; scheduled phone follow-ups.

Community Blind Center

130 West Flora Street

P.O. Box 467

Stockton, CA 95202

(209) 466-3836

Joni Bauer, Interim Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Staff: 9 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Eligibility: Vision impairment.

Area Served: San Joaquin County and surrounding areas.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Outreach; social evaluation; individual, family and couple counseling; information and referral services.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; daily living skills; braille; English as a second language.

Recreational: Adult education; afterschool youth program; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; summer session for youth.

Employment: Training in job-seeking skills.

Computer Training: Skill testing for employment.

Low Vision: Low vision aids and appliances.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Desert Blind Association

800 Vella Road

P.O. Box 66

Palm Springs, CA 92263

(619) 323-4414

D. Elaine Clark, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning

disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: United Way and contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Number of Clients Served: 250-300 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Coachella Valley.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 55 years or older.

Health: All services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Direct counseling to the individual and outreach services.

Rehabilitation: Instruction in activities of daily living. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on rehabilitation services.

Doran Resource Center for the Blind

413 Laurel Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(408) 458-9766

Sheila Gray, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Resource center providing programs and services for blind and visually impaired persons.

Mission: To provide resources, programs, and services that encourage independence for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Private contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 1 full time, 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 150 per month.

Eligibility: Any level of visual impairment.

Area Served: Santa Cruz County.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available.

Educational: Y.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Recreational: Y.

Low Vision: Clinic staffed by professionals.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Friendship Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

2032 Kern Mall
Fresno, CA 93721
(209) 266-9496
Phillip Kimble, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: United Way; sub-contracts; donations; income from capital funds; city and county contracts.

Budget: \$ 180,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 6 full time; 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served: 1986: 647.

Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; severely visually impaired.

Area Served: Fresno County.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; peer support groups; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Referral to community services, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Placement in training; regular in-service

training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; therapeutic recreation activities; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; fishing.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Low Vision: Low vision service and referrals.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids and devices.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Southwest Region Office

6851 Lennox Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91405
(818) 782-9935 or (818) 782-9936 (TDD)
Rustie Rothstein, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Intercommunity Blind Center

7702 South Washington Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602
(310) 945-8771
Gerald R. Konsler, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit human services agency.

Mission: To integrate blind and visually impaired persons into all aspects of the sighted world and thus to improve their overall quality of life.

Funded by: Private donations; foundations; city grants; United Way; fundraisers.

Budget: \$130,635.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (youth group

and active blind group occasionally operate during weekend).

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 6 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Number of Clients Served: Over 350.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Unlimited, but, primarily southeastern Los Angeles County area.

Age Requirements: 6 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support group.

Educational: Braille instruction; English as a second language.

Reading: Talking books library.

Rehabilitation: Independent living skills education and training (cooking, homemaking, mobility).

Recreational: Youth group (6-19 years); active blind (20-44 years); adult recreational outings (44 years and older); arts and crafts instruction.

Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

20 Tenth Street, Suite 220
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-1481

Anita Shafer Baldwin, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind and visually disabled children and adults.

Funded by: Private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM; resource center, Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and first Sat. of each month 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Staff: 25 (plus counselors during the summer). Fully trained volunteers available for reading, in-home personal assistance.

History/Date: Est. 1902.

Number of Clients Served: 1,500.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Program specific.

Health: Medical evaluation of residual vision.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Information and referral; intake evaluation; crisis intervention; workshops and seminars for professionals and families.

Educational: Adult continuing education classes taught through the San Francisco Community College, specializing in braille, arts/crafts, ceramics, and introductory typing.

Reading: Braille library. Volunteers available for reading services.

Rehabilitation: Braille instruction; orientation and mobility instruction.

Recreational: Recreational and social programs for seniors and adults including dances, field trips, and hot lunch on two weekdays; Enchanted Hills Camp, residential summer camp for children and adults.

Employment: Career information; consultation service for prospective employers.

Low Vision: Visual and adaptive aids available for purchase in person and by mail.

Low Vision Follow-up: Makes referrals to low vision clinics.

Local Offices:

Napa: Enchanted Hills Camp, 3410 Mt. Veeder Road, Napa, CA 94558, Phone main office: (415) 431-1481.

Lions Blind Center of Diablo Valley

175 Alvarado Avenue

Pittsburg, CA 94565

(510) 432-3013 or (800) 750-3937 (750-EYES)

Denise Clintron-Perales, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind adults.

Funded by: Grants, income from fund-raising events, Lions Clubs.

Budget: 1992-93: \$207,850.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 4 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1954.

Number of Clients Served: 1992-93: 890.

Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually impaired adults.

Area Served: Contra Costa County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 21 years and older.

Health: Low vision aids and devices. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Program for adult continuing education; cooking; crafts; talking book discussion group.

Professional Training: In-service training for staff and community.

Reading: Talking book record player; cassette player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/

mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; bowling; fishing; field trips.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Computer Training: Refers.

Low Vision: Refers for some low vision screening.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Lions Blind Center of Oakland

3834 Opal Street
Oakland, CA 94609
(510) 654-2561

Doris Strong, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled persons.

Budget: 1992: \$700,000.

Staff: 15 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1942.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling/social work services.

Educational: Adult continuing education; vocational skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/supervised field work placement in orientation/mobility; social work; special education. Regular in-service training programs.

Rehabilitation: Work training program; workshop with sub-contract work with deaf-blind, hearing impaired/visually impaired, multiply disabled individuals; counseling; American sign language; communication

skills; personal management; braille; home management; remedial education; activity program for developmentally disabled deaf-blind adults; swimming classes for preschool blind children. Orientation/mobility: training in home and local community; outreach to elderly; programs for developmentally disabled; Mowat Sensor and in-service training.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; programs for the elderly; bowling. Refers for residential and day summer camp.

Lions Blind Center of the Santa Clara Valley

101 North Bascom Avenue
San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 295-4016

FAX: (call main number prior to transmission). (408) 295-2099
Ed Thomas, Director

Type of Agency: A recreational, social and therapeutic center for the blind and visually impaired.

Mission: Living skills, counseling, braille instruction, recreation and social activities, information and referral.

Funded by: Lions Clubs, city of San Jose, and community donations.

Budget: \$ 150,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Fri. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 100 monthly.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Santa Clara Valley.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support groups at local senior residences.

Educational: Cooking, Spanish, sewing, English as a second language, braille, computer training.

Reading: Volunteers on site to read mail, low vision reading machines.

Recreational: Monthly field trips, dance classes, self-defense, bingo.

Employment: Referrals.

Computer Training: Word processing, basic database programs.

Living Skills Center for the Visually Handicapped

13830 San Pablo Avenue
Suite B
San Pablo, CA 94806-3704
(510) 234-4984
FAX: (510) 234-4986
Mike Cole, Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit agency administered by the Research and Service Foundation for the Handicapped.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: California Department of Rehabilitation.

Staff: 6 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Eligibility: Legally blind; eligible for California Department of Rehabilitation services.

Area Served: California.

Age Requirements: Over 18 years.

Health: Refers for medical services; assists in obtaining low vision evaluations and service; fosters medical awareness through evaluations.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Independent living skills. Accepts deaf-blind; additional disabilities considered on individual basis.

Professional Training: In-service training of others working with visually impaired people.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; signature writing; typing (when needed); video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; listening and vision skills; financial skills training; broad evaluations in areas of cooking, cleaning, care of clothing, social skills, personal hygiene.

Recreational: Recreational outings, i.e. camping, skiing, river rafting, shopping, hiking; regular informal exercise program; jogging; swimming.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career/skill counseling; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Staff activities also include extensive information and referral service via telephone and participation in outreach programs; involvement in community affairs, including task force participation on public transportation, city planning, housing, and technical assistance in areas affecting visually impaired persons.

Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

4151 Middlefield Road
Suite 101
Palo Alto, CA 94303
(415) 858-0202

FAX: (415) 858-0857
Jane Merrill, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Home-based and low vision services for totally blind,

legally blind, and visually impaired persons including preschool children.

Funded by: United Way; fees; contributions; memorials; bequests; fundraisers.

Budget: \$ 850,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

Staff: 13 full time, 5 part time; low vision optometrist on contract part time.

History/Date: Est. 1936 and Inc. 1945.

Number of Clients Served: 820/year.

Eligibility: Resident of Santa Clara or San Mateo County; visually impaired.

Area Served: San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision clinic.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; parent counseling; support groups; referral to community services.

Consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Contracts with school districts.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; large-print books; recorded magazines; information and referral. Kurzweil Readers available to clients.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; readiness program.

Recreational: Enrichment program.

Reading: Job readiness training.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation, prescriptions, aids, and appliances.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1299 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 441-1980

FAX: (415) 441-1984

Gloria Young, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provide training in orientation/mobility; techniques of daily living; communication skills; braille; arts; recreation; yoga; creative movements therapy.

Staff: 7 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1961.

Eligibility: Presence of permanent disability.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Social evaluation; individual, group counseling, parent counseling; CMV retinitis counseling. Referral to community services. Counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Programs for adult continuing education; public education courses; CMV retinitis vision loss.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation; recreation.

Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly

persons; swimming; yoga; hiking; riding; boating; sailing; fishing; games; drama; special program for children.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; job search support group; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

RP International

P.O. Box 900
Woodland Hills, CA 91365
(818) 992-0500 or (800) FIGHT RP
FAX: (818) 992-3265
Helen Harris, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To find a cure or treatment for retinal degenerative eye disease, disseminate information and provide human services.

Funded by: Donations and grants.

Budget: \$300,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM daily; 24-hour crisis line.

Program Accessibility: Van transport; bus access.

Staff: 4 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: Southern California. Support group formed nationally.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provided at center and through 24-hour crisis line.

Educational: Classes in mobility, braille, arts and crafts, life adjustment.

Reading: At vision clinic.

Recreational: Bowling team and other school functions.

Low Vision: Clinic one morning a week.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Sacramento Society for the Blind/Visual Services Center

2750 24th Street

Sacramento, CA 95818

(916) 452-8271

Thomas Ryan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: United Way; contributions; fees; bequests; fund raising.

Budget: \$ 709,191.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: All programs totally accessible.

Staff: 14 full time, 5 part time.

Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1954.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 1,308.

Eligibility: Visually impaired and blind persons able to benefit from our services.

Area Served: Sacramento area except for low vision clinic, which serves 26 counties of northern California.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision clinic.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social services, individual, family, and group counseling; peer support group.

Educational: Quarterly professional workshops and seminars.

Professional Training: Internships in mobility/orientation, social work, and rehabilitation teaching.

Reading: Closed-circuit televisions; large-print books.

Residential: In-home volunteer service-reading mail, shopping, paying bills.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; activities of daily living; braille; support groups.

Recreational: Adult education, arts, crafts, special programs for elderly persons, field trips.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Computer Training: Computer literacy and typing; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Operates Products for Independence, a retail store that sells products that blind and visually impaired people use to enhance independence.

San Bernardino Valley Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

762 North Sierra Way
San Bernardino, CA 92410
(714) 884-3121

FAX: (714) 884-2964

Robert G. McBay, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Thrift store, donations.

Budget: \$500,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 17.

History/Date: Est. 1938.

Number of Clients Served: Average 90 per day.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Inland Empire area.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 13 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling available on adjusting to visual impairment.

Reading: Braille Institute sub-lending library.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home economics.

Recreational: Woodwork; sewing; macrame; ceramics; braille; arts and crafts.

Low Vision: Vision consultant visits once a month.

San Diego Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired

5922 El Cajon Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92115
(619) 583-1542

FAX: (619) 583-2335

Kim Gibbens, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To rehabilitate blind and visually impaired individuals so they might reach their highest potential of independence and self-reliance.

Funded by: Private donations, bequests, grants, foundations, state and local governments.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible to persons with disabilities. The building has received national recognition regarding the accessibility design features.

Staff: 35. 100 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Number of Clients Served: 1991-1992: approximately 900.

Eligibility: Vision loss.

Area Served: San Diego County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Primary age group served is adults 18 years of age or older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family, and outreach counseling.

Professional Training: Undergraduate and graduate internship training.

Reading: Volunteer reading services; braille instruction.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living, orientation/mobility, braille, typing, handwriting resource information, sensory awareness, clothing construction, and kitchen skills.

Low Vision: Affiliated with a university hospital low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Sells aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: In conjunction with the low vision clinic.

Sensory Access Foundation

385 Sherman Avenue
Suite 2

Palo Alto, CA 94306

(415) 329-0430

FAX: (415) 323-1062

Daniel Van Horn, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind and legally blind persons and persons with other disabilities.

Funded by: Government grants.

Budget: \$771,836.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 12 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served: Direct services 188/year; information and referral 800/year.

Eligibility: Referral by State Department of Rehabilitation, counselor or employer. Self-referral for information and referral program.

Area Served: Direct services, California; information and referral, unlimited.

Age Requirements: Working age primarily.

Educational: 12th grade; 4th year college.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement; rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Employment: Career/skill counseling; vocational placement;

follow-up service. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment orientation services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Computer camps for children in summer.

Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind

7955 Lindley Avenue

Reseda, CA 91335

(818) 708-1740

FAX: (818) 708-7899

Lynn Robinson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind and developmentally disabled persons.

Funded by: Private, federal, and state funds.

Budget: \$2,000,000.

Program Accessibility: Program sites accessible to wheelchairs.

Staff: 60.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: Day program: 45; residential: 42.

Eligibility: Developmentally disabled and visually impaired may have additional disabilities, such as hearing loss, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and behavioral deficits.

Age Requirements: 18-65 years.

Health: Monitoring and assistance with management of health issues.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Training and assistance.

Educational: Tutorial services available to persons unable to attend day program on site.

Residential: Various residential programs to serve clients with behavioral/self-help deficits, as well as medical problems.

Recreational: Comprehensive programming available.

Employment: Supported employment program available.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Tri-Visual Services

P.O. Box 221310
Sacramento, CA 95822
(916) 428-8602
Elena Negrete, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Strengthen services to visually impaired people.

Funded by: Grants; fund raising; private donations.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Sacramento area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Annual workshop on diabetes and blindness; consulting and counseling services.

Residential: One-week summer program.

Rehabilitation: Independent living program; daily living skills.

Recreational: Travel club has several field trips for youths and adults; bowling; beep baseball.

Computer Training: Computer literacy workshop; BUG, a monthly forum; resource computer guide.

Western Blind Rehabilitation Center

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Center
3801 Miranda Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304
(415) 493-5000, ext. 4358 or
(415) 858-3921
William Ekstrom, Acting Director

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the

geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

California School for the Blind

500 Walnut Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536
(415) 794-3800
Lynne Laird, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

College of the Redwoods

7351 Tompkins Hill Road
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-6825
Debbie Loest-Deppe, Technical Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Computer Access Laboratory California State University, Office of Disabled Student Services

18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330
(818) 885-2684
Gail Pickering, Assistant Technical Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit

television systems; word processing.

Lions Blind Center of Oakland

3834 Opal Street
Oakland, CA 94609
(510) 654-2561
Susan Rehlg, Coordinator

Computer Training: Screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Palomar College

1140 Mission Road
San Marcos, CA 92069
(619) 744-1150
Sherry Goldsmith, Computer Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing.

Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1299 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 441-1980
FAX: (415) 441-1984
Gloria Young, Executive Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind

512 North Larchmont Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90004
(213) 468-8856
FAX: (213) 468-1012
Lequita J. McKay, Executive Director
Scott Heywood, Director of Training

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Trains dog guides and blind individuals with the dog guides. Dog guides are given to blind persons at no cost.
Funded by: Public donations, trusts, wills, and endowments.
History/Date: Est. 1952.
Area Served: Unlimited.

Local Offices:

Phoenix: Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind, Training Center, 8252 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85041, (602) 276-0051.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

P.O. Box 151200
San Rafael, CA 94915
(415) 499-4000
FAX: (415) 499-4035
Bruce Benzler, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.
Mission: Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons at no cost. Provides follow-up services for clients.

Funded by: Contributions and endowment.

Hours of Operation:
Administrative offices: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 112.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1942.

Number of Clients Served: More than 250 annually.

Eligibility: At least 16 years of age, legally blind and physically and emotionally capable of undergoing required four-week in-residence training program.

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Minimum age: 16 years.

Health: Able to walk at fairly brisk pace to allow dog to work safely.

Professional Training: Trains own instructors and breeds own dogs.

Guide Dogs of the Desert

P.O. Box 1692
Palm Springs, CA 92263
(619) 329-6257
Christopher Corr, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide independent mobility to blind persons through the companionship and assistance of a guide dog.

Budget: \$500,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Number of Clients Served: 24 new graduates each year.

Approximately 100 provided with postgraduate assistance.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Age Requirements: At least 16 years.

International Guiding Eyes

13445 Glenoaks Boulevard
Sylmar, CA 91342
(818) 362-5834
Jane Brackman, Executive Director

Mission: Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons free of charge. Provides consultation and referral and follow-up services for clients.

Funded by: Contributions.

Budget: \$1.2 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 25.

History/Date: Inc. 1948.

Number of Clients Served: More than 1,800.

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Age Requirements: 16 years or older.

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EYE CARE SOCIETIES

California Association of Ophthalmology

605 Market Street
Suite 1109
San Francisco, CA 94105-3213
(415) 777-3937 or (800) 443-9370
FAX: (415) 777-1082
Starr E. Shulman, Executive Director
Donald N. Schwartz, M.D., President

California Optometric Association

801 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 441-3990
Maurine D. Stevens, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

**Aslan Low Vision Center
California Eye Institute at St. Agnes**

1360 East Herndon, Suite 220
Fresno, CA 93720
(209) 559-5045 or (209) 449-5000
FAX: (209) 449-5076
Virgil C. Snow, M.D., Medical Director
Karen Evans, Coordinator and Office Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To assist those who are partially sighted.

Funded by: Client fees, Lions Clubs, and the physicians at the California Eye Institute.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant, ophthalmology assistant; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor.

History/Date: Est. 1988.

Number of Clients Served: Since 1988: 1200.

Eligibility: Legally blind; referral and current ophthalmological report. Also accept self-referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support group.

Rehabilitation: Self-help, peer counseling, and training in the activities of daily living.

Recreational: Occasional.

Employment: Assistance when needed.

Low Vision: Extensive services.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan; sold through a local distributor.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies with each patient. Return appointment; phone interview.

**California Pacific Medical Center
Department of Ophthalmology
Low Vision Service**

2340 Clay Street
Fifth Floor

San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 923-3933

FAX: (415) 923-3945
August Colenbrander, M.D.,
Director
Anna E. Ortiz-Harder, M.A.,
Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit;
Full-service eye department.

Mission: Low vision rehabilitation,
education, and research.

Funded by: Patient fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist, low vision specialist, full-service eye department.

History/Date: Est. 1960.

Eligibility: Ophthalmology report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Professional Training: Internship site for San Francisco State University residency training program.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation services by referral.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed. Long-term follow-up by questionnaire.

Center for the Partially Sighted

720 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 200

Santa Monica, CA 90401-1713
(310) 458-3501

FAX: (310) 458-8179

LaDonna Ringering, Ph.D.,
Executive Director
Phyllis Amaral, Ph.D., Director of
Clinical Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Rehabilitation services for partially sighted/legally blind persons.

Funded by: California Department of Rehabilitation; private donations; client fees (sliding scale); third-party payers; and city of Santa Monica.

Budget: \$ 1,050,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Optometrists; optometric interns; optometric technicians; psychologists; peer counselors;

orientation/mobility instructors; independent living skills instructors; social service and follow-up counselors.

Eligibility: Low vision.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological evaluations and therapy by licensed clinical psychologists; peer counseling; diabetes support group.

Professional Training:

Optometric residence and internship; psychology and gerontology field placement.

Rehabilitation: Independent living skills classes; orientation and visibility.

Low Vision: Evaluations and prescriptions of low vision devices by licensed optometrists.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site and off-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview after 1 week; second appointment 2 weeks after initial visit; periodic phone calls and home/school/work site follow-up visits as needed; 6 month and 1 year recall.

Jules Stein Eye Institute

University of California at Los Angeles

100 Stein Plaza

Los Angeles, CA 90024-7000
(310) 825-5051

Bradley R. Straatsma, M.D.,
Director and Chairman,
Department of Ophthalmology

Funded by: Client fees; state funds; contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. by appointment, or emergency clinic at all times.

History/Date: Est. 1966.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

King-Drew Medical Center

12021 South Wilmington Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90059
(310) 603-4281
M. Roy Wilson, Chief of
Ophthalmology
Thomas Kang, O.D., Optometrist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Mon.
1:00 PM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
ophthalmology residents;
optometrist; social worker;
orientation/mobility instructor;
rehabilitation teacher; special
educator; occupational therapist;
psychologist/counselor;
rehabilitation counselor;
audiologist; genetic counselor.

Area Served: County of Los Angeles.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: After 3 months by return appointment.

Loma Linda University Medical Center

Department of Ophthalmology
11370 Anderson Street, Suite 1800
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(714) 796-4818 or (800) 553-0775
David L. Wilkins, M.D., Chairman
Sharon Takayesu, Contact Person

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees and private foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
optometrist; ophthalmology
resident; social worker; optician;
orientation/mobility instructor;
rehabilitation teacher; special

educator; occupational therapist;
genetic counselor.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed; phone follow-up to all patients.

Low Vision Clinic

University of California, San Francisco Eye Clinic

400 Parnassus Avenue
Seventh Floor
P.O. Box 0344
San Francisco, CA 94143
(415) 476-5022
FAX: (415) 476-4713
Mary Gerhart, O.D., Coordinator

Type of Agency: University medical center.

Mission: To provide evaluations for low vision devices, nonoptical assistive devices, counseling, and referrals as necessary.

Funded by: University of California, San Francisco.

Hours of Operation: Tues. and Thurs. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist, ophthalmic technician, ophthalmologist, ophthalmology residents.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 125 patients per year.

Eligibility: Referral by ophthalmologist, optometrist, State Department of Rehabilitation, or other physicians.

Area Served: San Francisco Bay area, northern and central California.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5 years and older.

Health: Full scale ophthalmology clinic; accessibility to campus medical facilities.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social work services available through university hospitals and clinics and local non-profit agencies.

Low Vision: Evaluations; training and prescription of devices; low vision devices available on loan.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Low Vision Clinic

University of California School of Optometry

Berkeley, CA 94720
(510) 642-5726
FAX: (510) 643-5109
Ian L. Bailey, O.D., Director

Mission: Provide clinical low vision care training for optometrists.

Funded by: State funds; client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry residents; special educator; low vision mobility specialist.

History/Date: Est. 1960.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Peer support group for adults.

Educational: Educational assessments within special vision assessment clinic for disabled children.

Professional Training: Training for undergraduate and graduate students in optometry.

Rehabilitation: Information and referral services; mobility assessments.

Low Vision: Comprehensive assessments of visual capabilities for all ages.

Low Vision Aids: May be purchased by client or provided on loan for trial period; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: After 1 month with additional services as needed.

Marin Low Vision Clinic

930 Tamalpais Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 457-8890
Dr. Howard A. Levenson, O.D.,
Clinic Administrator

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Provide therapy and low vision aids for patients to maintain independence.

Funded by: Lions Club, various foundations, donations.

Budget: \$16,999.

Hours of Operation: Wed.
10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Referral from ophthalmologist or optometrist only.

Staff: 2 optometrists and support staff.

History/Date: Est. 1991.

Number of Clients Served: 60-75 annually.

Area Served: Marin and Sonoma counties.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Low Vision: Comprehensive services, including follow-up and dispensing of aids.

Optometric Center of Los Angeles

Southern California College of Optometry
3916 South Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(213) 234-9137
Donaldo Figueroa O.D., Director
Robert L. Gordon O.D.,
Coordinator, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Complete low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes through Lions Loaner Library; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Complete follow-up services provided.

Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

4151 Middlefield Road
Suite 101
Palo Alto, CA 94303
(415) 858-0202
FAX: (415) 858-0857
Jane Merrill, Executive Director
Selma Chin, O.D., Low Vision Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide low vision evaluations, low vision aids, and training in their use.

Funded by: Client fees and donations.

Budget: \$ 90,000 (low vision clinic only).

Hours of Operation: Tues. and Thurs. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.

Number of Clients Served: 280/year.

Area Served: San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support groups.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; available for purchase; on-site training provided; prescriptions ordered.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

RP International Low Vision

23241 Ventura Boulevard
Suite 117
Woodland Hills, CA 91365
(818) 992-0500 or (800) FIGHT RP
Helen Harris, President
Cathy Zelaya, Contact Person

Staff: Optometrist, mobility instructor.

Low Vision: Low vision exams, prescriptions for devices free of charge.

Low Vision Aids: Available for sale.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

St. Mary Low Vision Center

1050 Linden
Long Beach, CA 90813
(310) 491-9275
Bonnie Steinberg, Assistant Coordinator
Florence Traub, RN

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Foundation grants; donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Eligibility: Written referral from ophthalmologist.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: 5 years and up. Special programs geared toward older adults.

Rehabilitation: Independent living classes instructed on an on-going basis. Orientation and mobility training on a limited basis.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge. On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

**Scripps Memorial Hospital
Mericos Eye Institute
Partial Vision Center**

9888 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla, CA 92037
(619) 457-6571
FAX: (619) 457-6560
Margit Kingston, Contact Person

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To serve as a resource center for visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM - 12:00 noon and
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: Staff and volunteers trained in low vision devices and adaptive equipment.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Educational: Free brochures provided on request.

Low Vision: Exam by low vision specialist available with a referral from an ophthalmologist.

Low Vision Aids: Demonstrated free of charge.

**Society for the Blind
Visual Services Center
Low Vision Clinic**

2750 Twenty-Fourth Street
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 452-8271
FAX: (916) 452-2622
Stephen J. Ingman, O.D., Director
Jean Autrey, Clinic Manager

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; resource specialist.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Professional Training: On-site training provided.

Low Vision: Low vision assessments.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee. Nonoptical products.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 1 month; by visit to place of employment or school at that time, if necessary.

**Southern California College of
Optometry**

Low Vision Clinic

2575 Yerba Linda Boulevard
Fullerton, CA 92631
(714) 449-7415
Marilyn K. Gilbreath, Chief

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide comprehensive low vision examinations.

Funded by: Medicare; sliding fee scale for examinations available.

Hours of Operation: Tues.,
8:00 AM-12:00 PM; Wed.,
11:30 AM-3:30 PM; Thurs.,
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/residents; service coordinator.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Evaluations provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; rental fee charged; on-site training.

Low Vision Follow-up: By recall system within 6 months.

**Stanford University Low Vision
Service**

Department of Ophthalmology

300 Pasteur Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94305-5308
(415) 723-5984 or (415) 723-5993
Dr. Peter D'Alena, Low Vision Specialist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Fri.,
2:00 PM-4:00 PM.

Eligibility: Doctor's referral.

Area Served: California.

Low Vision: Prescription of aids; follow-up available.

**University of California, Davis
Department of Ophthalmology
Low Vision Services**

1611 Alhambra Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 734-6602
FAX: (916) 734-6992
Janis Lightman, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: University.

Funded by: Client fees; county and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM; Tues. and
Fri., 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

Number of Clients Served: 4-10 per week.

Eligibility: By referral only.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Referrals.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

**Wadsworth Veterans Affairs
Medical Center**

Low Vision

11301 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90073
(310) 824-4317
Gary N. Holland, M.D., Chief,
Ophthalmology Section
Martin Maharis, Secretary,
Ophthalmology Section
Alison J. Levin, O.D., Optometrist,
Low Vision Clinic

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
ophthalmology residents;
optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/
technician, ophthalmic
photographer.

Eligibility: Visually impaired
veterans only.

Area Served: United States.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Services available.

Professional Training: On-site
training available.

Rehabilitation: Services available.

Low Vision: Provided for eligible
veterans.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes; no rental
fee.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided
to all veterans.

Watts Health Foundation United Health Plan

10300 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002
(213) 564-4331

Dr. Greg Carter, Chief, Optometry
Department
Glenn Ford, M.D.,
Ophthalmologist

Funded by: Grants; patient fees;
Medicare; Medicaid.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Area Served: South central Los
Angeles and additional local areas.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment after 1 month.

Western Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Medical Center
3801 Miranda Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304
(415) 858-3921

William Ekstrom, Acting Director

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry
students and residents; low vision
specialist; social worker;
orientation/mobility instructor;
rehabilitation teachers;
psychologist/counselor; manual
skills instructor; ophthalmologist;
ophthalmology residents;
occupational therapist;
rehabilitation counselors;
audiologist.

Eligibility: Legally blind veterans
only; ophthalmology report.

Area Served: Western states of the
United States, including Hawaii
and Alaska.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes; no rental
fee. On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Frequency
is variable.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

California Department of Aging

1600 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 322-5290

Gary Kuwabara, Interim Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

COLORADO

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Colorado Department of Education

**Special Education Services Unit
Colorado Instructional Materials
Center for the Visually
Handicapped (CIMC/VH)**

201 East Colfax Avenue

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-6694

FAX: (303) 830-0793

Fred Smokoski, Executive Director
of the Special Education Services
Unit

James Nezol, Visually
Handicapped Consultant,
(303) 866-6719

Tanni Anthony, Deaf-Blind
Consultant, (303) 866-6681

April Block, Part H Coordinator

Jane Amundson, Preschool
Consultant

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides consultation in
educational services for visually
impaired children.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Colorado.

For information about local
facilities, consult the
superintendent of schools in the
area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Special Education Division
Colorado Department of
Education**

201 East Colfax Avenue

Room 301

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-6710

FAX: (303) 830-0793

April Block, Part H Early

Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

**Colorado School for the Deaf and
the Blind**

33 North Institute Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 578-2100 or (719) 578-2201,

School for the Blind

Marilyn Jaitly, Superintendent

Ann Hicks, Principal

Mike McCarthy, Outreach

Coordinator

Dave Farrell, Parent/Child

Advocate

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind,
visually impaired, learning
disabled, moderately mentally
retarded, and orthopedically
disabled persons.

Hours of Operation: Offices:
8:00 AM - 2:55 PM. Residential:
Sun. evening - Fri. afternoon.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 68 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1874.

Eligibility: School has enrollment
criteria. Educable.

Area Served: Statewide.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology therapy;
general medical services; speech
therapy. Contracts and refers for
other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Social evaluations;
psychological testing and
evaluation; individual, group
counseling; placement in school,
training. Refers and provides
consultation to other agencies for
other counseling/social work
services.

Educational: Grade range: K
through 12 and nongraded.
Programs for infants, preschool;
college prep; general academic;
remedial education.

Preschools: Y.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in
orientation/mobility; special
education; vocational
rehabilitation.

Reading: Talking book record
players and cassette players; talking
book records and cassettes; braille
books; large-print books; braille
magazines; recorded magazines.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management; braille; gesticulation;
handwriting; low vision training;
listening skills; Optacon; typing;
video magnifier; electronic mobility
aids; home management;
orientation/mobility; sensory
training. Provides consultation to
other agencies for rehabilitation
teaching in client's home and
community.

Recreational: Afterschool
programs; arts and crafts; hobby
groups; bowling; swimming; track;
wrestling. Refers for other
recreational services. Music
(handbells, choir, band).

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; career and skill
counseling; occupational skill
development; job retention. Refers
and provides consultation to other
agencies for other employment
services.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices.

Low Vision: Evaluations on
functional vision. Large-print texts.

Low Vision Aids: Closed-circuit
television, magnifiers, and reading
stands.

Regular in-service training
programs, open to enrollment from
other agencies.

Contact Superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Anchor Center for Blind Children

3801 Martin Luther Boulevard
Denver, CO 80205

(303) 377-9732

FAX: (303) 331-0248

Christine Clark, Director
Patty Garfield, Office Manager

Type of Agency: Private.

Mission: To foster the unique potential of children with visual impairments, birth through age five, by providing exemplary educational, therapeutic, and family support services.

Funded by: Private donations and foundation grants.

Budget: \$200,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 2 full time, 8 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Number of Clients Served: 50-75 children and their families.

Area Served: All of Colorado.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth through age 5.

Health: Functional vision exams and play based assessment for all children are provided. Hearing exams or genetic counseling is referred out.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling is available.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based program for visually impaired infants, 0-3 years.

Classroom for 3-5 year olds, plus consultant services to other programs. Parent group component.

Cherry Creek School District

4700 South Yosemite

Englewood, CO 80111

(303) 773-1184, ext. 4252

Richard Reed, Director of Pupil Services

Holly Hills Elementary School,

6161 E. Cornell, Denver, CO

80222, (303) 756-7606

Type of Agency: Public school itinerant vision program.

Funded by: State funds and P.L. 94-142.

Staff: 1 full-time, dually certified teacher. Has advisory board for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Cherry Creek School district.

Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Health: Genetic counseling and low vision exams available on referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas related to vision. Home-teaching, multihandicapped classes, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Generic program (CHEER) also offered to children, 0-5 years, with itinerant vision support. Includes home teaching, parent-child groups, family workshops, preschool classes.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

33 North Institute Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 578-2100

FAX: (719) 578-2239

Mike McCarthy, Contact Person

Funded by: State funds; foundation grants.

History/Date: Est. 1784.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Assessment: On request, on site or in home/school.

Consultation to Public Schools: On request.

Parent Assistance: Family learning seminars/workshops.

Materials Production: Braille, large-print.

Professional Training: In-service training.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Colorado Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped

1015 High Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 578-2195

FAX: (719) 578-2239

Lucia Hasty, Consultant

Groups Served: 0-21 years.

Types/Content: Textbooks; equipment; professional resources.

Media Formats: Braille; large-print.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Northern Colorado

Division of Special Education

Greeley, CO 80639

(303) 351-2691

FAX: (303) 351-2312

David L. Kappan, Orientation & Mobility, (303) 351-1666

Kay Ferrell, Visually Handicapped, (303) 351-1653

Programs Offered: Master's programs for dual competency teachers of visually impaired students. Orientation and mobility specialists with emphases available in early childhood, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Graduate (master's, doctoral) level programs in education of visually impaired students, orientation & mobility.
Distance Education: Y.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Colorado Talking Book Library

180 Sheridan Boulevard
Denver, CO 80226
(303) 727-9277 or toll-free in Colorado (800) 685-2136
FAX: (303) 727-9281
Barbara J. Goral, Supervisor
Charmayne Wood, Machine Lending Information

Type of Agency: Library.

Funded by: Public funds; private donations.

Budget: \$449,518.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 10.5 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Number of Clients Served: 9,247.

Eligibility: Blind, visually impaired, physically and reading disabled persons.

Area Served: Colorado.

Computer Training: Technology center provides training.

Low Vision Aids: CCTV available.

Regional library providing braille, disks, cassettes, and large-type books and magazines. Recording and transcription services.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Braille Computer Center

Boulder Public Library

P.O. Drawer H
Boulder, CO 80306
(303) 441-3098
Cathy Lankton, Contact Person

Area Served: Primarily Colorado but other states as well.

Types/Content: Text materials other than mathematics or music, including computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille.

Colorado State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

180 Sheridan Boulevard
Denver, CO 80226
(303) 727-9277
FAX: (303) 727-9281
Barbara J. Goral, Supervisor

Area Served: Colorado.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Provided at no charge.

Recording for the Blind

2696 South Colorado Boulevard
Suite 330
Denver, CO 80222
(303) 757-0787
Jacqueline Yuknas, Studio Director
Nancy Campbell, Board Chairman
See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

RADIO READING

Radio Reading Service of the Rockies

1415 Patton Drive

Boulder, CO 80303
(303) 786-7777
David Dawson, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Sun. 24 hours a day.

History/Date: Est. 1991.

Area Served: Colorado and Wyoming.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Colorado Society to Prevent Blindness

3500 East 12th Avenue
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 399-8090
Clem Spainhower, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired Children (PAVIC)

P.O. Box 461812
Aurora, CO 80046
(303) 693-0959 or (303) 699-8685
Gayle Scheihing, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Maintains parent support group, advocacy regarding care and education of visually impaired children.

Funded by: Fund raising.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Eligibility: Visually impaired and blind.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent support group workshops; refers for community services.

Reading: Information and referral services available.

Publications: *Perceive Newsletter*.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Denver Affiliate**

3000 East Cedar Avenue, #12
Denver, CO 80209

(303) 364-4332

Cindy Epstein, President

Bob Martin, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**American Red Cross
Mile High Chapter**

**Blind Outdoor Leisure
Development**

**United States Association for
Blind Athletes**

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

**Rehabilitation Services
Colorado Department of Social
Services**

1575 Sherman Street

Fourth Floor

Denver, CO 80203-1714

(303) 866-2866

FAX: (303) 866-2414

Kenneth Schmidt, Ph.D., Director
of Field Services

Anthony J. Francavilla, Manager

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To assist individuals with
physical and/or mental disabilities
to attain a level of functioning that
will enable them to enter, reenter,
or maintain employment and
enhance skills necessary for living
independently.

Funded by: Federal, state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully
accessible.

Staff: 37 full time. Uses volunteers.

Eligibility: Visual impairment that
interferes with employment or
independent living.

Area Served: Statewide.

Health: Low vision aids or devices.
Contracts and refers for other
health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Vocational evaluation;
individual counseling. Contracts
and refers for other services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement;
orientation/mobility; rehabilitation
counseling and teaching; in-service
programs.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management; braille; handwriting;
listening skills; typing; video
magnifier; home management;
orientation/mobility; rehabilitation
teaching in client's home and
community. Contracts and refers
for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Special programs for
elderly, deaf-blind, blind and deaf
persons.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluations; occupational skill
development; vocational training;
placement; follow-up service;
vending stand training. Contracts
for other services.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Alamosa: Division of
Rehabilitation, 422 Fourth Street,
P.O. Box 990, Alamosa, CO 81101,
(303) 589-5158.

Colorado Springs: Division of
Rehabilitation, 1322 North
Academy Boulevard, Colorado
Springs, CO 80909-3316,
(719) 574-2200.

Denver: Rehabilitation Center,
2211 West Evans Avenue, Denver,
CO 80223, (303) 937-1226.

Denver: Services for Individuals
Who Are Blind or Deaf, 1600
Downing Street, Suite 300, Denver,
CO 80218, (303) 894-2650.

Fort Collins: Division of
Rehabilitation, 2850 McClelland
Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525,
(303) 223-9823.

Grand Junction: Division of
Rehabilitation, 222 South Sixth
Street, Room 215, Grand Junction,
CO 81501, (303) 248-7103.

Greeley: Division of
Rehabilitation, 800 Eighth Avenue,
Suite 121, Greeley, CO 80631,
(303) 352-5180.

Pueblo: Services for Individuals
Who Are Blind or Deaf, 720 North
Main Street, Suite 210, Pueblo, CO
81003, (303) 546-0967.

REHABILITATION

Center for Independence

835 Colorado Avenue

Grand Junction, CO 81501

(303) 241-0315 (voice/TDD)

FAX: (303) 242-6719

Mary Lynn McNutt, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Mission: Provides services to
people with disabilities,
encouraging control, direction, and
independence in their lives.

Funded by: Grants, donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs.
7:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 6 full time, 3 part time.
Volunteers for reading.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Number of Clients Served:
1,200/year.

Eligibility: Physical disability.

Area Served: 13 counties on
western slope of Colorado.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and group counseling; also refers for community services.

Educational: Vocational and skill development for deaf, blind, and multiply disabled persons.

Reading: Information and referral services; reading aids—VTEK.

Rehabilitation: Daily living, communication skills; orientation/mobility; off-site training.

Recreational: Arts and crafts.

Employment: Occupational skill development, job retraining.

Computer Training: Available for training.

Low Vision Aids: Aids and magnifiers.

Low Vision Follow-up: Home visits, outreach.

Colorado Rehabilitation Center

2111 West Evans Avenue
Denver, CO 80223
(303) 937-1226
Ron Landwehr, Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Staff: 8 full time rehabilitation teachers, 2 vocational development counselors, 1 vocational evaluator, 4 business enterprise consultants.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired persons who have a disability that has a significant impact on employment or independent living.

Area Served: Colorado.

Rehabilitation: Comprehensive training in braille, typing, home and personal management, orientation/mobility and related training for personal and/or vocational use, either at home or in the rehabilitation center.

Employment: Vocational assessment and consultation; job

seeking and job skills services; job training and business and employment opportunities under the Randolph Shepherd Act.

Recreational: Recreation and social activities.

Families of the Blind, Inc.

1201 East Colfax, #2
Denver, CO 80216
(303) 831-0123
FAX: (303) 832-1931
June Davis, Director

Mission: To promote the health and well-being of blind and visually impaired people in Colorado by providing services and education.

Funded by: Foundations, corporations, individuals. Combined federal campaign.

Budget: \$150,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 5.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served: More than 600.

Eligibility: Vision loss.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, prescriptions, audiology therapy, and low vision services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides independent living skills evaluations, support groups, and volunteer services. Refers for counseling, mobility training, and other community services.

Professional Training: In-service training for volunteers for reading, companionship and transportation services. In-service training for professionals from other agencies.

Rehabilitation: Refers for certain living skills, orientation/mobility, and employment training.

Recreational: Special programs for the elderly; concerts; plays.

Low Vision Aids: Administers a fund for equipment for people with financial needs.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Rocky Mountain Region Office

12075 East 45th Avenue
Suite 222
Denver, CO 80239
(303) 373-1204 (voice/TDD)
Susan K. Olson, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

AccessAbility Resource Center The Childrens' Hospital

1056 East 19th Avenue
P.O. Box 410
Denver, CO 80218
(303) 861-6250
Patricia Kenyon, Occupational Therapy

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Center for Independence

835 Colorado Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(303) 241-0315
Mary Lynn McNutt, Executive Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer

operating systems; computer literacy.

Colorado Easter Seal Society

5755 West Alameda Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80226
(303) 233-1666
Cathy Bodine, Director
Howard Kramer, Computer Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Colorado Rehabilitation Center, Communications for the Visually Impaired

2211 West Evans Avenue
Denver, CO 80223
(303) 937-1226
Ron Greb, Instructor
Candiss Leathers, Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

33 North Institute Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 578-2215 or TDD (719) 632-8180
FAX: (719) 578-2239
Bonnie Snyder, Educational Technologist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word

processing; database software; telecommunication.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Colorado Ophthalmological Society

800 Clermont Street, Suite 330
Denver, CO 80220-3816
(303) 741-3937
FAX: (303) 333-4224
David R. Scott, Executive Director

Colorado Optometric Association

410 17th Street, Suite 2060
Denver, CO 80202-4433
(303) 892-8898
Gwenne Hume, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Colorado Optometric Center Low Vision Clinic

2736 Welton Street
Suite 200
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 295-2402
FAX: (303) 295-1067
Peggy Futch, Executive Director
Julia Lampo, O.D., Clinical Director
Jeff Spahr, O.D., Director, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To diagnose and prevent eye disease and disability through comprehensive vision care, including low vision services.

Funded by: Client fees; United Way; corporate and foundation support.

Budget: \$500,000.

Hours of Operation: Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair-accessible. Some

services delivered at home or job site.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry intern; low vision therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; special educator, by referral.

History/Date: Est. 1961.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on a trial basis; rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment/phone interview in 1 month; by rehabilitation specialist in 2 months; by return appointment in 3 months.

Porter Memorial Hospital Porter Low Vision Service

2525 South Downing Street
Denver, CO 80210
(303) 778-5707
Barbara Meyer, Low Vision Consultant

Type of Agency: Public.

Funded by: Client fees; foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling available.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews when necessary.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Aging and Adult Service Colorado Department of Social Services

1575 Sherman Street
Fourth Floor

Denver, CO 80203-1714
(303) 866-3851
Rita Barreras, Manager

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Rehabilitation Services Colorado Department of Social Services

1575 Sherman Street
Fourth Floor
Denver, CO 80203-1714
(303) 866-5196
Anthony J. Francavilla, Manager
Jo Ann Roderfeld, Project Director,
(303) 866-4375

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

CONNECTICUT

SCHOOLS

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 249-8525
George A. Precourt, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Through Division of Children's Services, provides consultation on education of visually handicapped children. Administers supplemental state funds for education of visually handicapped children in local schools, preschool through high school. Provides reader service on all educational levels.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1893.

Area Served: Connecticut.

For information about local facilities, contact the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Bureau of Early Childhood Education and Social Services Connecticut Department of Education

25 Industrial Park Road
Middletown, CT 06457
(203) 638-4208
FAX: (203) 638-4218
Joan Brinckerhoff, Part H Coordinator

Oak Hill School

Connecticut Institute for the Blind

120 Holcomb Street
Hartford, CT 06112
(203) 242-2274
FAX: (203) 242-3103
Lars Guldager, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To operate programs for students and adults with multiple disabilities.

Funded by: Public funds, federal grants, contributions, and endowment.

Budget: \$40 million.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours/day.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Almost 1,000 (full and part time).

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1893.

Eligibility: Multiply disabled; accompanied by a regular or diagnostic Individualized Education Program.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 2 years, 8 months.

Health: Occupational, physical, speech therapies; medical; dental; 24-hour nursing services; numerous consultants.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social casework; social and rehabilitation guidance.

Educational: Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for each student; overall plans of service (OPs) for each adult.

Professional Training:

Coordinated by full-time staff development specialist. Initial and on-going training for all direct care staff, professionals and paraprofessionals.

Reading: Large-print books and cassettes.

Residential: Semi-independent dormitories and apartments. Sixty-one group homes in 39 towns serving students and adults.

Rehabilitation: Emphasis on daily living skills; personal management; behavior management; orientation/mobility; leisure time activities.

Recreational: Full-time recreation specialist; swimming in on-campus indoor pool; indoor and outdoor play centers; adaptive physical education; special events; age-appropriate activities such as bowling, roller skating, ice skating, utilizing community facilities; summer camp on shores of Long Island Sound.

Employment: Vocational training. Work activity center on campus. Day activities programs and supported employment in community.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 249-8525
George A. Precourt, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313, state funds, Supplemental Security Income.

Staff: 4 full time (teachers of visually handicapped children); 6 part time; consultants available for psychology, various therapies, orientation/mobility, psychiatry.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Entire state.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-2.8 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams. Home-based and itinerant vision services to public schools and private agencies for preschool visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available by consultation.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped infants, with or without other handicaps.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Oak Hill School

Connecticut Institute for the Blind

120 Holcomb Street
Hartford, CT 06112
(203) 242-2274

Anna Eddy, Director of School Programs

Operates satellite programs throughout the state.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 566-5800, ext. 211
William Dessin, Contact Person

Groups Served: Preschool-12.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Connecticut State Library Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

198 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
(203) 566-2151 or toll-free in
Connecticut (800) 842-4516
FAX: (203) 566-6669
Carol A. Taylor, Librarian
Edward Mastronunzio, Machine
Lending Information

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassettes, and tapes. Talking book machines and cassette players.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Connecticut Braille Association

664 Oakwood Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06110
(203) 953-9692
Anne S. Murphy, Executive
Secretary, Large Type Division

Area Served: Primarily Connecticut but will copy our master for any out-of-state source.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified. Listings available from American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky.

Connecticut Braille Association

44 Imperial Avenue
Westport, CT 06880
(203) 227-5243
Marguerite Smith, President

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Darien Community Association Program for the Blind

274 Middlesex Road
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 655-8554
Miriam K. Moran, Chairperson

Area Served: Connecticut.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Recording for the Blind Connecticut Unit

205-209 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06510
(203) 624-4334
Ann Fortunato, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

RADIO READING

Connecticut Radio Information Services (CRIS)

589 Jordan Lane
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 956-3579
David Judy, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Northwestern quadrant of Connecticut and some southwestern portions of Connecticut.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Connecticut Society to Prevent Blindness

1275 Washington Street
Middletown, CT 06457
(203) 347-6800 or toll-free in
Connecticut (800) 842-0692
FAX: (203) 347-0613
David Rowland, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Connecticut Affiliate

1218 Lindley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606
(203) 374-5357
Thom Bozzi, President
Julie Crowder, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Grey Castle Press

Helen D. Boyle

Ulversoncroft Large Print Books
Limited

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 566-5800
George A. Precourt, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers the federal-
state vocational rehabilitation
program.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 130 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1893.

Eligibility: Severe visual
impairment.

Area Served: Connecticut.

Health: Low vision service; aids
and appliances. Diagnosis and
evaluation of eye health;
evaluation of eye treatment or
prescription.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Consultation and referral
service; psychological testing and
evaluation.

Educational: Preschool;
elementary; secondary; college.

Rehabilitation: Optacon; personal
management; orientation/mobility
training.

Recreational: Refers for summer
camp program.

Employment: Evaluation and
prevocational and vocational
training; vocational placement;
follow-up service; sheltered
workshop; vending facility
training; home employment
programs.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices.

REHABILITATION

BESB Industries

114 Shield Street
West Hartford, CT 06110
(203) 566-1331 or (203) 566-8144
FAX: (203) 953-4519
Fred W. Zaiko, Director, Division of
Industries

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides business
enterprise programs vocational
rehabilitation, adult services, and
children's services to visually
impaired and blind children and
adults.

Funded by: State of Connecticut.

Budget: \$6 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-
4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully
accessible.

Staff: 30.

Number of Clients Served: 242.

Eligibility: Legally blind (adults);
visually impaired (children).

Area Served: Connecticut.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** On an individual basis.

Professional Training:
Workshops on site; training in
collaboration with local colleges
and universities; in-service training
for staff.

Reading: Instruction in using
braille and adaptive reading
devices.

Recreational: On individual basis
in homes and schools.

Employment: Job development;
job placement.

Computer Training: Individual
training. Voice output, large-print
output, braille output, CCTVs.

Low Vision Aids: Works in
conjunction with Lions Vision
Center for prescription devices;
non-prescription devices available
on site.

Low Vision Follow-up: Refers.

Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Center
950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 932-5711
Mark Hieftje, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential
rehabilitation services to eligible
legally blind veterans.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Referral applications by Visual
Impairment Services programs

located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(203) 249-8525
FAX: (203) 278-6920
John Whitham, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation
P.O. Box 142
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(203) 243-5200
FAX: (203) 243-7215
Charles Kaman, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Mobility training with dog guides.

Funded by: Income from capital funds; voluntary donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 17.

History/Date: Breeding program est. 1962; training program est. 1981.

Eligibility: Serious visual impairment; good physical/mental health, and character.

Area Served: New England; New York.

Age Requirements: At least 16 years.

Professional Training: Orientation/mobility.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians

One Regency Drive
P.O. Box 30
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(203) 243-3977
FAX: (203) 286-0787
Jacqueline T. Coleman, Executive Director
Paul Guida, M.D., President

Connecticut Optometric Society

638 Prospect Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
(203) 233-0022
Peter J. Berry, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic

VA Medical Center
950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 932-5711
Robert Perlin, Optometrist

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Eligibility: Legally blind veterans only; referral by local Veterans Administration coordinator or social worker.

Area Served: East Coast from Maine to Virginia.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By telephone and questionnaire.

Rehabilitation Center Vision Rehabilitation Services

95 Hamilton Street
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 777-2000, ext. 270
William V. Padula, O.D., Director

Funded by: Client fees; state funds.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant; occupational therapist; counselors; optometrist; speech therapists; physical therapist.

Eligibility: Vision impairment, neurological impairment, or physical disability.

Low Vision: On-site/in-home/place of employment training available.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan or purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Connecticut Department on Aging

175 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06106
(203) 566-3238 or Information & Referral In State (800) 443-9946 or Out of State (203) 566-7772
Edith Prague, Commissioner

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

DELAWARE

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Delaware Department of Public Instruction

John G. Townsend Building
P.O. Box 1402

Dover, DE 19903

(302) 739-5471

FAX: (302) 739-4221

Dr. Pascal D. Forgione, Jr.,
Superintendent

Dr. Carl Haltom, State Director,
Division for Exceptional Children
Tom Brennan, State Director,
Library Information Division.

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To ensure a free,
appropriate public education for
children and youth with
disabilities.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully
accessible.

Area Served: Delaware.

For information about local
facilities, consult the
superintendent of schools in the
area. Computer access and training
available through the Educational
Computing Services Division of the
Department of Public Instruction.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Planning and Research Evaluation Delaware Health and Social Services

1901 North Dupont Highway

Newcastle, DE 19720

(302) 577-4647

FAX: (302) 577-4510

Nancy Wilson, Coordinator, Part H
Early Childhood Program

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired

305 West Eighth Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 577-3333 or (302) 577-3573

Lynne Young, Principal

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for all visually
handicapped persons from birth,
with or without other handicaps.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 monies,
private donations, state funds.

Staff: 12 full time (includes
teachers of visually handicapped
children and of orientation/
mobility). Has advisory committee
with parent member.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment.
Genetic counseling and other
health services available by
referral.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Parent counseling; financial
assistance.

Preschools: Day care program.
Instruction in all developmental
areas.

Low Vision: Low vision exams; all
eye exams.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired

305 West Eighth Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 577-3573

Ann Hitchcock, Director, Materials
Center

Area Served: State of Delaware.

Groups Served: Ages 0-21 and
adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books,
talking books/cassettes, large-print
books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Delaware Division of Libraries

43 South DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

(302) 739-4748 or TDD (302) 739-
4739 or toll-free in Delaware
(800) 282-8676

FAX: (302) 739-6787

Anne E. Norman, Librarian

Type of Agency: Library for the
blind and physically handicapped.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 4 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Number of Clients Served: 1,400.

Eligibility: Unable to read
standard print; national library
service requirements.

Area Served: Delaware.

Regional library that is a division of
the Department of State. Supplies
talking books and playback
equipment.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Delaware Association for the Blind

2915 Newport Gap Pike

Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 994-9478
Linda S. Lauria, Executive Director

Groups Served: College students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious, personal needs and local publications.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Delaware Affiliate

446 New Street
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 678-1000
Marsha Ross Berman, O.D.,
Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division for the Visually Impaired Delaware Health and Social Services

Health and Social Services Campus
1901 North DuPont Highway
Biggs Building
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 577-4731
Diane Post, Director
Virginia Ottinger, Computer Training Center Supervisor,
(302) 577-6236

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services to all visually handicapped persons from birth, with or without other handicaps.

Funded by: Public funds, state and federal funds.

History/Date: Est. 1909.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation services.

Educational: Preschool and supportive services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; vocational training; vocational placement; vending facility training; sheltered workshops. Business enterprise services; sheltered workshop service.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Exams.

REHABILITATION

Delaware Association for the Blind

800 West Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 655-2111
Linda S. Lauria, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Staff: 5 full time, 7 part time, 12 seasonal. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Eligibility: Legally blind; Delaware resident.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Referral to community services; support group counseling; peer counseling.

Residential: 22-bed camp dormitory for adults.

Recreational: Trips; arts and crafts; residential summer camps; for adult blind; summer children's day camp; swimming; exercise classes; transportation.

Delaware Industries for the Blind

1901 North DuPont Highway
Biggs Building, Health and Social Services Campus

New Castle, DE 19720

(302) 577-4760

FAX: (302) 577-4763

Alan B. Wingrove, Workshop Manager, (302) 577-4751

Type of Agency: Sheltered employment workshops; affiliated with National Industries for the Blind.

Mission: Providing employment for blind and visually impaired individuals.

Funded by: State funds; sale of products.

Budget: \$1 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 10.

History/Date: Est. 1909.

Number of Clients Served: 40.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Division for the Visually Impaired Delaware Health and Social Services

Health and Social Services Campus
1901 North DuPont Highway
Biggs Building
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 577-4739
FAX: (302) 577-4763
Katey Semmel, Sr. Rehabilitation Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

◆ *Low Vision Services*

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Delaware Optometric Association

176 Norwich Way
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 678-3545
Michele Haranin, O.D., President

◆ *Aging Services*

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division on Aging

Delaware Health and Social Services

1909 North DuPont Highway
Administration Building, Annex
Second Floor
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 577-4791 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 223-9074
Eleanor Cain, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division for the Visually Impaired Delaware Health and Social Services

Health and Social Services Campus
1901 North Dupont Highway
Biggs Building
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 421-5730
Diane Post, Acting Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

District of Columbia Special Education Branch

Logan Administrative Office
215 G Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 724-4800
B. Garnett Pinkney, Assistant Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers supplemental funds for visually handicapped students in local schools. Maintains special teachers or sight conservation and braille programs on both the elementary and secondary levels.

Funded by: Public funds.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention Program District of Columbia Department of Human Services

609 H. Street
Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 727-1839
FAX: (202) 727-1687
Sharman Dennis, Program Manager

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Infant and Child Development Program Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

1421 P Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
FAX: (202) 667-8095
Charles McElroy, Executive Director
Donna Zadnik, Director, Children's Program

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Private donations and foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Special children's events on some Saturdays.

Staff: 2 full time; uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and family counseling. Other related and support services available on referral.

Educational: Provides direct instruction in developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired infants, with or without other disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

901 G Street, N.W., Room 215
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-2142 or TDD (202) 727-2255
Grace J. Lyons, Librarian

Type of Agency: Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Mission: Perform all duties involved with Library of Congress services to blind and physically disabled persons.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$275,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:45 AM-5:30 PM.

Staff: 6.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Number of Clients Served: More than 2,000.

Eligibility: All those who meet criteria set by the National Library Service of Congress.

Area Served: District of Columbia.

Reading: Taping service, some in-person reading.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, tape and large-type books. Kurzweil Reading Machine and closed-circuit television. Provides training on computer aids and devices.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

1421 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
Charles McElroy, Executive Director

Area Served: Washington metropolitan area: District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.
Groups Served: Adults.

Types/Content: Short items.

Media Formats: Braille.

Title Listings: Prices supplied on request.

District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

901 G Street, N.W., Room 215

Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-2142

Grace J. Lyons, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Provided at no charge.

Recording for the Blind of Metropolitan Washington

5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Suite 312

Washington, DC 20015

(202) 244-8990

FAX: (202) 244-1346

Kay Marshall, Deputy Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 589-0894

See Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped in Maryland state listings.

RADIO READING

Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc.

35 University Boulevard East
Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 681-6636

See Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc. in Maryland state listings.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Foundation for the Blind

Eastern Regional Center and Governmental Relations Department

1615 M Street, N.W.
Suite 250
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 457-1487
FAX: (202) 457-1492

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Low Vision Resource Center

4550 Montgomery Avenue
Suite 602N
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 907-7197

See Low Vision Resource Center in Maryland state listings.

Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington

1775 Church Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 234-1010
FAX: (202) 234-1020
Arnold Simonse, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Prevents blindness by public/professional education screening programs, provision of care.

Funded by: United Way.

Budget: \$900,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served:
35,000.

Area Served: Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Educational: Videos and pamphlets on eye health and safety.

Professional Training: Nurses and allied health personnel.

Low Vision: Resource information.

Publications: Newsletter.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Greater Washington, DC Chapter

P.O. Box 27121
Washington, DC 20038
(202) 362-3277 (362-DCRP)
Marie Henderson, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America

American Association of Retired Persons

American Council of the Blind

Blinded Veterans Association

Braille Authority of North America

Council of Families with Visual Impairment

Council of Rehabilitation Specialists

Deaf-Blind Program
The National Academy,
Gallaudet University

Eye Bank Association of America

Guide Dog Users

Independent Visually Impaired Enterprises

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

National Association of Blind Teachers

National Association of State Directors of Special Education

National Association of State Units on Aging

National Association of Vision Professionals

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

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◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

District of Columbia Rehabilitation Services Administration Visually Impaired Section

605 G Street, N.W., Room 917
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-0907
Carolyn Wells, Supervisor

Type of Agency: State.

Staff: 9 full time. Uses volunteers.

Eligibility: Resident of D.C.; disability imposes vocational handicap; potential for benefit from vocational rehabilitation; of an age still able to work.

Health: Contracts for most health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: College programs; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training.

Rehabilitation: Contracts or refers for all rehabilitation services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility

training. Contracts for other employment services.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

REHABILITATION

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

1421 P Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 462-2900

FAX: (202) 667-8095

Charles McElroy, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

Funded by: District of Columbia government contract, contributions, product sales, investments, wills, and bequests.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 72 full time, 17 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1900.

Eligibility: Legally blind; children with 20/70 vision or less.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for all health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations;

psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.

Educational: Infant and child development program; accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled, and other multiply disabled persons. Summer program for school-age children.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work. Regular in-service training programs.

Short-term or summer training open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral special collection; transcription to braille.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational/leisure services. Provides consultation to other agencies on special programs for visually impaired persons.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement. Refers for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies in vending facility training.

Computer Training: Basic and word processing, database, and spread sheet training.

Low Vision: Services provided at the Ferd Nauheim Low Vision Clinic.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 589-0894

See Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped in Maryland state listings.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Washington DC Ophthalmological Society

1145 19th Street, N.W.
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 833-1668
Alan Palestine, M.D., President

Optometric Society of the District of Columbia

7705 Cayuga Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 229-4990
Virginia Martin, Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind Ferd Nauheim Low Vision Clinic

1421 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 462-2900
FAX: (202) 667-8095
Bart A. Martyak, M.D., Medical Director

Hours of Operation: Tues. and Wed. afternoons; Fri.

Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor. Social worker, recreation programmer, vocational counselor available.

Area Served: Washington DC metropolitan area.

Computer Training: Access and training on computer aids/devices.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Georgetown Hospital Low Vision Clinic

Center for Sight
3800 Reservoir Road
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 687-4448
Howard Cupples, Interim Chairman

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents.

Eligibility: Physician referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted; sold at cost; provided on loan for trial purposes; no fee charged for rental; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month.

George Washington University Medical Center

Department of Ophthalmology
2150 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Floor 2A
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 994-4052

Hours of Operation: Tues. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 4 months.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center Ophthalmology Service

Georgia Avenue and Fern Street

Washington, DC 20307-5001
(202) 576-1960

Kenyon K. Kramer, M.D., Chief,
Ophthalmology Service

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/technician; optometrist.

Eligibility: Active or retired military; authorized veterans; authorized dependents.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Office on Aging

1434 K Street, N.W.
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 724-5626
Jearline Williams, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

FLORIDA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students Florida Department of Education

614 Florida Education Center
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
(904) 488-1570

Bob Connors, Deputy Department Director

Bettye Weir, Bureau Chief
Carol Allman, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Through the Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students, the Division of Public Schools provides consultative services for the establishment and operation of school programs for visually impaired students. Provides assistance for in-service teacher training through state or regional workshops or technical assistance to individual programs. The Bureau also monitors public school districts and residential programs.

Funded by: Public funds; federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Area Served: Florida.

Educational: Has a clearinghouse of materials available on request, related to the education of persons with disabilities.

Professional Training: Teacher recertification provided through workshops.

Residential: Associated with the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, St. Augustine, Florida.

Rehabilitation: Interagency cooperation with the Division of Blind Services.

Computer Training: Access, training on computer aids and devices varies among school districts; adaptive computer information available through a resource manual developed by the state of Florida and Broward County schools.

Low Vision: Materials available on request.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Office of Prevention, Early Assistance and Childhood Development

Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

1323 Winewood Boulevard
Building 1, Room 209
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(904) 488-2761

FAX: (904) 488-4227
Carol McNally, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Pre-Kindergarten Early Intervention

Office of Early Intervention and School Readiness

Florida Division of Public Schools/Department of Education

325 West Gaines Street
Suite 754
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
(904) 488-6830

FAX: (904) 487-0946
Mary Bryant, Acting Director
Cathy Bishop, Program Specialist

SCHOOLS

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

207 North San Marco Avenue

St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 823-4000

FAX: (904) 823-4018 or (904) 823-4203

Robert T. Dawson, President
Gerald W. Stewart, Principal

Type of Agency: Public.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 555 full time including all departments, 69 full time in the Department for the Blind.

Eligibility: 20/70 in best eye after correction; multihandicapped with the exception of children whose disabilities include the categories of trainable mental retardation, profound mental retardation, severe emotional disturbance, or autism or who are homebound.

Health: Occupational, physical and speech therapy; diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; general medical services; dental services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group and family/parent counseling; linkage with other agencies and community services.

Educational: Grades K through 12; programs for college prep; general academic, and vocational/skill development. Cooperative school programs with the Division of Blind Services and St. Johns County School District.

Professional Training: In-service training program; tuition waivers to state universities; internship/practicum placement for student teachers in specific or general education areas.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; large-print books; braille books and magazines; recorded magazines; access to regional talking book library, magnification copier;

closed-circuit television; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Residential: Girls' and boys' elementary dormitories; multihandicapped dormitory; high school dormitories designed to enhance daily living skills progressively. Independent living apartments for high school students. Sequential dormitory curriculum covering toileting/personal hygiene, grooming/dressing; eating skills/food preparation; housekeeping skills/clothing care; health and safety; family life/interpersonal relationships; social and emotional skills/etiquette; indoor/outdoor recreation; leisure time activities; money management/time skills; calendar/telephone skills; career awareness/work habits and attitudes.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility; braille; typing; individual and group counseling; listening skills; use of video magnification and other low vision aids; remedial education.

Recreational: Afterschool recreation programs; active and leisure activities; arts and crafts; individual and team activities; clubs and hobby groups; swimming and wrestling teams; cheerleaders; scouting.

Employment: Prevocational/vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational work-study program; cooperative career planning with Division of Blind Services-Vocational Rehabilitation.

Computer Training: Extensive computer lab. Computers in classrooms. Training in use of computers, adaptive aids, and devices. Full access for practical and professional use.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan.

Visually Impaired Program Hillsborough County Schools

1202 East Palm Avenue

Tampa, FL 33602

(813) 273-7035

FAX: (813) 276-5479

Dr. Walter Sickles, Superintendent

Eligibility: Must meet state Department of Education rules regarding visual impairment.

Area Served: Hillsborough County.

Age Requirements: 0-21.

Educational: Itinerant, resource room and special class placements for visually impaired students, preschool-grade 12, with or without other impairments. Provides instruction in daily living skills, orientation/mobility, academic instruction, listening skills, specialized skills (braille, Nemeth Code).

Computer Training: Access to computers adapted for visually impaired persons. Variety of support services available on referral.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Debbie School Mailman Center for Child Development

1601 N.W. 12th Avenue

Miami, FL 33136

(305) 547-6961

Kim Eversole, Principal

Type of Agency: Private.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313, private donations, state funds.

Staff: 15 full time, 16 part time, uses volunteers. Has advisory board.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: Dade County and Miami.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available by consultation or referral. Provides neonatal, psychosocial, and educational intervention.

Educational: Provides direct instruction in all developmental areas. Home- and center-based programs for visually impaired, multiply disabled, and nondisabled children, 0-5 years.

Division of Blind Services, Florida Department of Education

2540 Executive Center Circle, West
Tallahassee, FL 32399

(904) 488-1330

Whit Springfield, Acting Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Gifts and donations, state funds, Title XX funds.

Staff: Social workers, rehabilitation teachers. Has advisory board.

History/Date: Est. 1941.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling. Visual and other health services referred to children's medical services or other agencies.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling, with referrals to other facilities as needed.

Educational: Provides direct instruction. Home- and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Preschools: Co-sponsors with Florida Lions Club twice yearly Camp Achievement, a preschool camp for the visually handicapped and their parents.

For Local Offices, see individual listings under Rehabilitation Services, State Services.

Merrick Educational Center

39 Zamora Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 460-2909
Michael Exelbert, Principal

Type of Agency: Public school program for visually handicapped, hearing impaired, and deaf-blind infants.

Staff: 4 full time (teacher of visually handicapped children).

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Area Served: Dade County.

Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling, genetic counseling.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Home-based. Provides instruction in all developmental areas; immunizations available on referral.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped

5002 North Lois Avenue
Tampa, FL 33614
(813) 872-5281 or toll-free in Florida (800) 282-9193
FAX: (813) 872-5284
Suzanne A. Dalton, Supervisor

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Florida.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Serves as an instructional materials coordinating procurement, storage, and distribution of educational materials needed by students with visual disabilities. Operates clearinghouse depository and production center for braille, large-print, and recorded text books. Provides training and ongoing technical assistance to instructional, support personnel and other appropriate groups, including students and parents, in the areas of materials production, technological applications, and instructional strategies as they relate to students with visual disabilities. Organizes volunteers (statewide) for materials production.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Florida State University

Visual Impairments B-172
College of Education
Tallahassee, FL 32306
(904) 644-4880
Dr. Gideon Jones, Visually Handicapped
Purvis Ponder, Orientation and Mobility

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of individuals with multiple disabilities and teachers of students with visual impairments; master's programs for orientation and mobility specialists and for dual competency teachers of students with visual impairments/orientation and mobility specialists.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Brevard County Library System Talking Books Library

308 Forrest Avenue
Cocoa, FL 32922-7781
(407) 633-1810 or (407) 633-1811
FAX: (407) 633-1790
Kay Briley, Librarian

Subregional library.

Broward County Talking Book Library

100 South Andrews Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
(305) 357-7555 or (305) 357-7413
FAX: (305) 357-7413
Joann Block, Librarian

Subregional library.

Bureau of Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

420 Platt Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(904) 254-3824 or toll-free in Florida (800) 342-5627
FAX: (904) 238-3160
Donald John Weber, Chief

Type of Agency: A bureau of the State of Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services.

Mission: To provide books and magazines in braille and on disk and cassette to Florida residents unable to use conventional printed materials.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Building in compliance with ADA. Special cassette and record players can be adapted.

History/Date: Est. 1950.

Number of Clients Served:
33,900.

Eligibility: Inability to read conventional-size print for an extended period of time; inability to hold a book or turn the pages of a book or newspaper; reading disabilities such as dyslexia, with a doctor's certification.

Area Served: Florida.

Educational: Assistance in locating textbooks; volunteers braille college textbooks for students in Florida colleges and universities.

Reading: Books and magazines on cassette and disk and in braille.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision Aids: Sends catalogs only; does not sell items.

Dade County Talking Book Library

Miami-Dade Public Library System
150 N.E. 79th Street
Miami, FL 33138
(305) 751-8687 or TDD (305) 758-6599 or toll-free in Florida
(800) 451-9544
Barbara L. Moyer, Coordinator
Subregional library.

Hillsborough County Talking Book Library

Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System
900 North Ashley Drive
Tampa, FL 33602-3788
(813) 223-8349 or (813) 223-8858
FAX: (813) 223-8278
Suzanne M. Bell, Librarian
Subregional library.

Lee County Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

13240 North Cleveland Avenue,
#5-6

North Ft. Myers, FL 33903-4855
(813) 995-2665

Barbara Ferris, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Book Library Jacksonville Public Libraries

1755 Edgewood Avenue West Suite 1
Jacksonville, FL 32208-7206
(904) 765-5588 or TDD (904) 630-2740
FAX: (904) 768-7404
Susan V. Arthur, Librarian
Subregional library.

Talking Books Palm Beach County Library Annex

7950 Central Industrial Drive Suite 104
Riviera Beach, FL 33404-9947
(407) 845-4600
Pat Mistretta, Librarian
Subregional library.

Talking Book Service

Manatee County Public Library System
1301 Barcarrota Boulevard, West Bradenton, FL 34205-7599
(813) 749-7114 or TDD (813) 749-7113
FAX: (813) 749-7191
Frederick Duda, Librarian
Subregional library.

West Florida Regional Library Subregional Talking Book Library

200 West Gregory Street
Pensacola, FL 32501
(904) 435-1760
FAX: (904) 432-9582
Martha L. Lazor, Librarian

Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Escambia County School District

P.O. Box 1470
Pensacola, FL 32597
(904) 469-5524
Paul Fetsko, Coordinator

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Exceptional Student Education

2757 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, FL 32312
(904) 488-5266
Beverley Blanton, Director

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, worksheets.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Palm Beach County Schools

3378 Forest Hill Boulevard Suite A 201
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
(407) 434-8000
Raymond P. Neubert, Area Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Pinellas County Schools

301 Fourth Street, S.W.
Administration Building
P.O. Box 2942
Largo, FL 34649-2942
(813) 588-6030
FAX: (813) 588-6202
Noreen Murphy Price, Supervisor

Area Served: Pinellas County.

Groups Served: Preschool-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Recording for the Blind Florida Unit

6704 S.W. 80th Street
Miami, FL 33143
(305) 666-0552
FAX: (305) 667-2505
Christine McCarthy, Executive Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Temple Sisterhood Braille Group

8727 San Jose Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904) 733-7078
Susie Coleman, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING**WLRN Radio Reading Service**

172 N.E. 15th Street, #222
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 995-2212
Meg O'Brien, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-12:10 PM; 3:30 PM-
5:00 PM; 6:30 PM-9:30 PM.
Duplicates main channel all other
hours 6:00 AM-9:30 PM. Reading
service carried on main channel
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-10:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Area Served: Dade, Broward and
Palm Beach counties.

WMFE Radio Reading Service

11510 East Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32817
(407) 273-2300
Dale Spear, Vice President, Radio
Programming

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1963.

WSFP Radio Reading Service

University of South Florida
College Parkway-Areca 216
Ft. Myers, FL 33919
(813) 432-5581
Glenn Sabatka, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Area Served: Florida Marco
Island.

WUSF/WSFP Radio Reading Service

The University of South Florida,
WRB 209
4202 E. Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33620
(813) 974-4193
Elizabeth Willson Young,
Director/Manager

Hours of Operation: Daily.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Tampa and 60-mile
radius from the city.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, Northeast Region**

1820 Barrs Street
Suite 458
Jacksonville, FL 32204
(904) 387-7388
Carol Baumer, Regional Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**National Society to Prevent Blindness
Florida Affiliate, West Coast Region**

5501 West Gray Street
Tampa, FL 33609
(813) 874-2020
FAX: (813) 289-3298
Sarah Jordan-Holmes, Executive
Director
Jane Tombs, Regional Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**National Society to Prevent Blindness
Southwest Region**

1030 Sunset Drive, #205
Miami, FL 33173
(305) 271-8914
David Brown, Regional Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Central Florida Affiliate**

P.O. Drawer 30
Winter Park, FL 32790
(407) 644-4673
Jed Berman, President
Brenda Schoonover, Contact
Person, (407) 788-0500

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Dade-Broward Affiliate**

3703 N.E. 166th Street
North Miami Beach, FL 33160
(305) 947-3875
Bill Edell, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
North Florida Affiliate**

P.O. Box 56504
Jacksonville, FL 32241
(904) 779-7606
Barbara Libero, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Ormond Beach Affiliate**

3 Ellsworth Avenue
Ormond Beach, FL 32074
(904) 677-2870
Gladys B. Holton, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Association of
Certified Orthoptists

Bible Alliance

Braille International

Gospel Association for the Blind

Physicians Education Network

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

**Division of Blind Services, Florida
Department of Education**

2540 Executive Center Circle, West
Douglas Building

Tallahassee, FL 32399
(904) 488-1330
FAX: (904) 487-1804
Whit Springfield, Acting Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind;
legally blind; visually impaired;
deaf-blind; learning disabled;
mentally retarded; and other
multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: State, federal or
private sources.

Budget: \$25 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 329 full time. Uses
volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1941.

Eligibility: Legally blind;
pathology or injury threatening loss
of vision in one or both eyes.

Area Served: State of Florida.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts and refers for all
health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Social evaluation;
psychological testing and
evaluation; individual, group,
family/parent, couple counseling.
Contracts, refers, and provides
consultation to other agencies for
other counseling/social work
services.

Educational: Remedial education.

Professional Training: Sensory
training; internship/fieldwork
placement in orientation/mobility;
rehabilitation counseling; social
work; rehabilitation teaching. In-
service and short-term or summer
training open to enrollment from
other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book
record players and cassette players;
talking book records and cassettes;
braille books; braille magazines;
recorded magazines. Information
and referral; special collection;
transcription to braille; translation

to other languages; tape recording
services on demand.

Residential: Maintains a 54-bed
residential rehabilitation center.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation
teaching in client's home and
community; orientation/mobility;
contracts, refers, and provides
consultation to other agencies for
all rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Personal
management; braille; handwriting;
listening skills; Optacon; typing;
video magnifier; home
management.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; career and skill
counseling; occupational skill
development; job retention; job
training; vocational placement;
vending facility training. Contracts,
refers, and provides consultation to
other agencies for employment-
oriented services.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices. Vocational training in
computer applications.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up
service.

Local Offices:

Bradenton: 5117 26th Street West,
Suite A, Bradenton, FL 34207,
(813) 751-7670.

Cocoa: Division of Blind Services,
870 North Cocoa Boulevard,
Cocoa, FL 32922, (407) 690-3245.

Daytona Beach: Division of Blind
Services, 1185 Dunn Avenue,
Daytona Beach, FL 32014,
(904) 254-3824.

Daytona Beach: Division of Blind
Services, Florida Regional Library
for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped, Platt at Willis, P.O.
Box 2299, Daytona Beach, FL
32014, (904) 254-3824 or toll-free,
(800) 342-5627.

Daytona Beach: Manderfield Technical Training Laboratory, 401 Platt Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, (904) 252-4722.

Daytona Beach: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 1111 Willis Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32014, (904) 252-4722.

Fort Lauderdale: Division of Blind Services, 3075 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 211, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, (305) 497-3360.

Fort Myers: Division of Blind Services, 2133 Winkler Avenue, Fourth Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901, (813) 278-7130.

Gainesville: Division of Blind Services, 417 S.W. 8th Street, Gainesville, FL 32301, (904) 336-2075.

Jacksonville: Division of Blind Services, 1809 Art Museum Drive, Room 201, Jacksonville, FL 32207, (904) 348-2730.

Miami: Division of Blind Services, 401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Room S-714, Miami, FL 33128, (305) 377-5339.

Orlando: Division of Blind Services, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite 102, Orlando, FL 32801, (305) 423-6305.

Panama City: Division of Blind Services, 2611 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405, (904) 872-4181.

Pensacola: Division of Blind Services, 7200 North 9th Avenue, Suite A-11, Pensacola, FL 32504, (904) 484-5030.

St. Augustine: Division of Blind Services, P.O. Box 69, St. Augustine, FL 32085-0069, (904) 825-5084.

St. Petersburg: Division of Blind Services, 3637 Fourth Street, North, Suite 310, St. Petersburg, FL 33704-1335, (813) 893-2341.

Tallahassee: Division of Blind Services, 2003 Parkway Building, Room 201, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (813) 278-7130.

Tampa: Division of Blind Services, 415 South Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609, (813) 871-7190.

West Palm Beach: Division of Blind Services, Palm Beach County Regional Service Center, 111 Georgia Avenue, 1st Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33901, (305) 837-5026.

REHABILITATION

CITE (Center for Independence, Technology and Education)

215 East New Hampshire Street
Orlando, FL 32804
(407) 898-2483

FAX: (407) 895-5255

Carol Adams, Co-Director
Steve Obremski, Co-Director

Type of Agency: Comprehensive rehabilitation and training center for blind adults and families with blind children.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled.

Funded by: State; Division of Blind Services; United Way; private foundations; and individuals.

Budget: \$375,000.

Staff: 7 full time, 7 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Number of Clients Served: 300-500 annually.

Eligibility: Legal blindness;

Area Served: Orange, Seminole, Osceola counties. Others for short term training.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: All ages.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other

counseling/social work services. Provides consultations to other agencies. Peer counseling and support.

Educational: Program for adult continuing education; training for parents of blind preschool children.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training. Internship/fieldwork in rehabilitation counseling.

Reading: Volunteer readers matched with clients.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; low vision computer access technology; software training.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; refers to other employment services; word processing/data base training.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices; screen reading software; magnification software.

Low Vision: Low vision aids and devices; low vision clinic.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service.

Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind

405 White Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(904) 258-3441

FAX: (904) 258-1155

Edward F. McCoy, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded clients and those with cerebral palsy,

seizure disorders, orthopedic involvements, behavioral disorders and head injuries.

Funded by: Purchase of service agreement, donations, tuition and fees, investment income, grants.

Budget: 1991-92: \$1,113,468.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day.

Program Accessibility: Buildings and apartments are barrier free. Changes in progress meet A.D.A. requirements.

Staff: 34 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Number of Clients Served: 1991-92: 56.

Eligibility: Visual impairment. Legally blind with secondary handicap; current audiological and psychological exam.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 12 years of age or older.

Health: Low vision services, general medical services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, family counseling. Contracts for neuropsychiatric services.

Educational: Programs for adult continuing education; adult basic education; remedial education; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Consultation services available.

Professional Training: Internship/field work placement in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation counseling, social work, rehabilitation teaching, and vocational rehabilitation.

Reading: Talking book record players; cassette tape players; CCTVs; Kurzweil Readers; talking book records and tapes; braille and

large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on request.

Residential: Dormitory, on-site and off-site apartments for adults who are multiply disabled.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training; supported living; supported employment. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; adult continuing education; bowling, swimming, track. Integration into community resources.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; supported employment, workshop services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Computer Training: Training and computer aids and devices for personal use.

Low Vision: Evaluations and services, on-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids and devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service.

Florida Association of Workers for the Blind (Miami Lighthouse)

601 S.W. Eighth Avenue
Miami, FL 33130

(305) 856-2288

FAX: (305) 285-6967

Vernon Metcalf, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: Fees, contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$1,650,200.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible to disabled persons.

Staff: 36 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 213.

Eligibility: Severe visual problem interfering with lifestyle.

Area Served: Dade County.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically disabled; anyone on evaluation basis.

Programs: adult continuing education; personal adjustment training; computer training; paraprofessional training.

Preschools: Counseling guidance and training of parents for child management and training.

Professional Training:

Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; regular in-service training programs. Open to enrollment from other agencies.

Paraprofessional training with staff

serving as adjunct professors at Miami Dade Community College.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille and other languages.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; computer training; remedial education; sensory training. "Store" outlet sells aids and appliances.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; provides consultation for and refers to other agencies for employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Wide range of training available.

Low Vision: Provided at cost.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up service for regular clients.

Fort Lauderdale Lighthouse for the Blind

650 North Andrews Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

(305) 463-4217

FAX: (305) 764-3825

Dr. Eleanor du Pre, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled blind; mentally retarded blind.

Funded by: United Way; state Division of Blind Services and county funds; donations.

Budget: 1986: \$460,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 9 full time, 8 part time; uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Eligibility: Legally blind or impending blindness within 5 years.

Area Served: Broward County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 18.

Health: Refers for medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, and couple counseling; training placement; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Vocational/skill development for emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; blind.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training.

Reading: Book selection service; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording on demand.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; summer youth program.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational/leisure services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up.

Independence for the Blind

1278 Paul Russell Road

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(904) 942-3658

Pinkney C. Seale, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Independent living services.

Funded by: United Way Fund, donations, state contracts, earned income.

Budget: \$625,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 13. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Eligibility: Legally blind; desire to improve independent living skills.

Area Served: 11 counties of northern Florida.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Health: Referrals for medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; counseling for individual/group/couples.

Educational: Adult continuing education; college prep; vocational/skill development.

Reading: Book selection services; information and referrals; tape recording as requested; also has Optacon, closed circuit television, talking computers.

Rehabilitation: Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility, on- and off-site.

Recreational: Hobby groups; special programs for the elderly; referrals.

Employment: Career/skill counseling; occupational skill development; refers for placement. Supported employment on-site.

Computer Training: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Sells, lends, rents.

Publications: Annual report and brochures in print, braille, and cassette format.

Independent Living for Adult Blind (ILAB)

c/o Florida Community College at Jacksonville
101 West State Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 633-8220
FAX: (904) 633-8105
Rebecca Simpson, Director

Type of Agency: Rehabilitation facility.

Mission: To provide instruction in adjustment to blindness skills to visually impaired adults who wish to improve their level of independence and/or return to work.

Funded by: The State of Florida, Division of Blind Services, City of Jacksonville; Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

Budget: \$185,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Number of Clients Served: 100 annually.

Eligibility: Legal or total blindness; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Area Served: Duval County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group and family counseling; referral service.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; communications skills; home management. Instruction provided as noncredit supplemental course.

Computer Training: Access training, which includes speech

and magnified display software for IBM or compatibles. Offered as noncredit supplemental course.

Low Vision: Low vision screening for nonprescriptive assistive devices.

Lighthouse for the Blind of Pasco and Hernando

14120 Old Dixie Highway
Hudson, FL 34667
(813) 863-2537
Charles F. Jackson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Comprehensive rehabilitation.

Funded by: United Way, Board of County Supervisors, Florida Division of Blind Services.

Budget: 1992-93: \$300,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 12; uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Eligibility: Legally blind; mentally/physically able to benefit from services.

Area Served: Pasco and Hernando counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 14 years and up.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling for individuals/groups; refers for school/training placement and community services.

Professional Training: In-service training programs for human services personnel. Short-term/summer classes, open enrollment from other agencies.

Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills; sensory training.

Recreational: Arts/crafts; hobby groups; programs for elderly; bowling.

Employment: Occupational skill development; supported employment; consultant to other agencies for vocational placement.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Refers to low vision clinics and services.

Lighthouse for the Blind of Sarasota/Manatee

7318 North Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34243
(813) 359-1404
Mary Beth Bos, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Services to blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Florida Division of Blind Services.

Staff: 6. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Transportation: Y.

Rehabilitation: Instruction in independent living skills and orientation/mobility.

Employment: Vocational evaluation.

Low Vision Aids: For demonstration purposes; none for purchase.

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches

7810 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
(407) 586-5600
FAX: (407) 586-5604
William S. Thompson, President
Dawn Clemons, Director,
Development and Rehabilitation

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To assist visually impaired persons to develop their capabilities to the fullest.

Funded by: Private donations, including bequests; government grants and fees; sale of products in

Industries Program; fee schedule for select services.

Budget: \$1.4 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Meets accessibility standards.

Staff: 25 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 1,046.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Coastal region of Palm Beach County.

Age Requirements: All ages served; eligibility for some services based on age.

Health: Refers to appropriate health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, family, and group counseling available.

Preschools: Comprehensive, full-time early intervention and preschool services for blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled blind children from birth to age 3.

Professional Training: Field work, observations and internships in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, social work, and special education; public education programs including speaker's bureau, films, demonstrations.

Reading: Refer to talking book, large-print, and braille resources; provides direct instructions in braille and adaptive technology and equipment for reading.

Rehabilitation: Training for clients and those 55 years and older in home and personal management, communications skills, orientation/mobility. Information and referral service provided.

Employment: Work evaluations; Training, and job placement for Industries Program. Sheltered industrial workshop provides permanent, full-time employment for adults in manufacturing plant. Referral to other job training and placement sites.

Computer Training: Computer basic skills assessment and basic computer training.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision evaluation, training, and follow-up.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted; training; return policy.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed for further assessment, training, and adjustments.

LITE Center for the Blind

Lake-Sumter Community College
9501 U.S. Highway 441
Leesburg, FL 34788
Lake County (904) 365-3579 or
Sumter County (904) 748-1959,
ext. 579
FAX: (904) 365-3501
Bebe Chudeusz, Facility Director

Mission: To promote independence and self-reliance in persons who are blind or visually impaired through instruction in independent living skills and counseling.

Funded by: Florida Department of Education and Lake-Sumter Community College.

Budget: 1992-93: \$81,484.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Also special evening programs.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair accessibility.

Staff: 1 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1989.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired; adults; referrals from the Division

of Blind Services; mentally/physically able to benefit from services.

Area Served: Lake and Sumter counties.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, and family counseling; peer counseling; refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.

Reading: Instruction, in braille, closed-circuit televisions, talking book cassette players and record players, and talking book cassettes and records. Transcription to braille and tape recording available upon request. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Training in personal and home management, communications, orientation and mobility, sensory awareness, and community resources. Instruction in class and in clients' homes as noncredit college curriculum.

Recreational: Training offered in arts and crafts, exercise, and games with emphasis on learning the skills at the center and using the skills in the home and community programs; also offers special interest programs and referral to existing community programs.

Low Vision Aids: Assistive low vision screening.

Pinellas Center for the Visually Impaired, Inc.

1610 North Myrtle Avenue
Clearwater, FL 34615
(813) 461-4006 or (813) 441-4920
Stephen S. Barrett, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: State and local contracts, private resources and PCVL Foundation.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 30.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 1,589.

Area Served: Pinellas County.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Group, individual and family counseling. Support groups. Referrals to community agencies.

Educational: In-service training available to other agencies and nursing homes. Speakers available for public education.

Reading: Information and referrals for talking record players and cassette players, talking book records and cassettes, large-print books, braille books, closed-circuit TVs. Radio reading service.

Rehabilitation: Personal and home management, braille, handwriting, typing, orientation and mobility training. Services provided at center and in home. Low vision services. KIDS program: early intervention and training, parent education, and counseling.

Recreational: Arts and crafts, social group, speakers and special event activities.

Employment: Vocational services coordinated with local office of the Division of Blind Services. Job placement services.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic providing screening, optometric examinations, training in use of low vision aids and devices.

Skill Center for Independent Living

Pensacola Junior College
1000 College Boulevard

Pensacola, FL 32504

(904) 484-1145

Elaine Elledge, Department Head

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind.

Staff: 3 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Eligibility: Legally blind; referral through Division of Blind Services.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers to other health services.

Educational: Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; those with wheelchairs. Programs for adult continuing education.

Professional Training: Orientation/mobility.

Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and recorded magazines. Lends braille and large print books. Transcription to braille.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly. Refers for other recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids and devices.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

1106 West Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606

(813) 251-2407

FAX: (813) 254-4305

C. E. Olstrom, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide social services, training and employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: State of Florida, purchase of services agreement, workshop sales, United Way, contributions.

Budget: 1991: \$2,685,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 30 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1940.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 391.

Eligibility: Sponsorship by Division of Blind Services, adults only; totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and multiply impaired blind persons.

Area Served: Hillsborough and Polk counties.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; counseling: individual, group, family/parent, couple; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; and gerontology.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; kitchen skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Refers for electronic mobility aids. Center-based and community-based instruction.

Recreational: Recreation therapy; arts and crafts; exercise; yoga; swimming; bowling.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; on-the-job training program; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

Low Vision: Screening; optometric examination; training in use of special aids and devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Available.

Local Offices:

Lakeland: Lighthouse for the Blind, Lakeland, 3204 Winter Lake Road, Unit 6, Lakeland, FL 33803, (813) 667-1717, FAX (813) 665-4767, Al Garrett, Production Manager.

Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida

P.O. Box 4026
North Ft. Myers, FL 33918-4026
(813) 997-7797
Marian M. Geiger, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: State grant; county contract; United Way; community funding; private contributions.

Budget: 1992-93: \$351,723.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM and Fri. 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Staff: 7 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Number of Clients Served: 725.

Eligibility: Severe visual impairment.

Area Served: Southwest Florida.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Recreational therapy. Refers and contracts for other

health services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement; regular in-service program. Public education program, including films, demonstrations, and speakers.

Reading: Lends braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Book selection service; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on request; Optacon; closed circuit television.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; typing; handwriting; remedial education; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Services provided primarily at the center. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts & crafts programs; special interest events; speakers and activities; trips; bowling; square dancing. Evening and weekend programs.

Employment: Job development for computer students.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices, with emphasis on home-bound employment. Rehabilitation engineering assistance available.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic providing screening, examination, and training.

Low Vision Aids: Spectacles and low vision aids and devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided as needed.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

CITE (Center for Independence, Technology, and Education)

215 East New Hampshire Street
Orlando, FL 32804
(407) 898-2483
Carol Adams, Co-Director
Steve Obremski, Co-Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Training available for both children and adults; wide variety of training for visually impaired and multiply disabled children available.

Division of Blind Services Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

Manderfield Technical Training Laboratory
401 Platt Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(904) 252-4722
Jerry Little, Supervisor

Computer Training: 2 full-time instructors; training duration: 6 months.

Florida Association of Workers for the Blind

601 S.W. Eighth Avenue
Miami, FL 33130
(305) 856-2288
FAX: (305) 285-6967
Timothy Hendel, Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Works in conjunction with other training programs for disabled or

mainstream persons for additional software training and placement.

Independence for the Blind

1278 Paul Russell Road
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(904) 942-3658
FAX: (904) 942-4518
Anita Sorrenti, Rehabilitation Supervisor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches

7810 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
(407) 586-5600
FAX: (407) 586-5604
Rebecca Spreckelmeie, Coordinator

Computer Training: Computer basic skills assessment and basic computer training.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

1106 West Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
(813) 251-2407
FAX: (813) 254-4305
Sheryl Brown, Supervisor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.
4210 77th Street East

Palmetto, FL 34221
(813) 729-5665
FAX: (813) 729-6646
R. Michael Sergeant, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Mission: Training of dogs and blind individuals for mobility purposes.

Funded by: Private donations, business groups, foundations.

Budget: 1992: \$720,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 15 full time, 8 part time, plus volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Number of Clients Served: 615.

Eligibility: Blind; good physical health; financial competence to care for a dog.

Area Served: Sunbelt.

Age Requirements: 17 years or older.

Health: Refers clients with medical problems.

Reading: Talking book records/tapes; large-print books; braille/recorded magazines; tape recording services on demand.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; follow-up services/with graduate in home or office area.

Publications: Newsletter printed four times a year.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Florida Society of Ophthalmology
8333 North Davis Highway
Pensacola, FL 32504
(905) 478-4121
Michael R. Redmond, M.D., President

Florida Optometric Association
P.O. Box 13429
Tallahassee, FL 32317
(904) 877-4697
Mark Landreth

LOW VISION CENTERS

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital

900 N.W. 17th Street
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 326-6136
Dr. Charles J. Pappas, Director of Optometric Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Optometrists; low vision technician.

Eligibility: Ophthalmology referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as necessary, generally 2 weeks follow-up recommended on loaned aids.

CITE (Center for Independence, Technology and Education)
Low Vision Screening and Education Clinic

215 East New Hampshire Street
Orlando, FL 32804
(407) 898-2483
FAX: (407) 895-5255
Carol Adams, Co-Director
Steve Obremski, Co-Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide quality services, education, and training to the community to enhance the lives of people with visual impairments, blindness and multiple disabilities.

Funded by: Federal and public funds, private donations.

Budget: \$305,615.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Adaptive technology specialist; orientation/mobility instructor; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; special educator; recreation programmer.

Number of Clients Served: 1,043.

Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological or optometry report.

Area Served: Unlimited for technology program. Central Florida for independent living skills program for adults who are blind.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: None.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Educational: Y.

Preschools: Y.

Reading: Mail- and newspaper-reading service.

Rehabilitation: 15-week training program for adults who are blind/visually impaired.

Recreational: Leisure activities training program.

Employment: Limited assistance with preemployment skills.

Computer Training: Access; training on adapted computer.

Low Vision: Screening and clinic on a limited basis.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; on-site, in-home or office training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Halifax Hospital Medical Center Eye Clinic

Clyde Morris Boulevard
P.O. Box 1990
Daytona Beach, FL 32014
(904) 254-4103
James W. Clower, M.D.
Margaret Davis, Orthopist

Mission: To provide complete work-ups including specialized testing in an attempt to aid the patient with various high-powered telescopic lenses, microscopic lenses, prisms, high plus lenses, stand and hand magnifiers.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; orthoptist.

Eligibility: Referred by an ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social workers available in the medical center. Assistance, counseling, and training in the use of the low vision aids is given.

Low Vision: Comprehensive services.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Immediate and as needed.

Hope Haven Children's Clinic Low Vision Clinic

4600 Beach Boulevard
P.O. Box 17607
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 346-5100
Thomas Quinlan, Director
Charlotte Long, Administrative Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Eligibility: All ages, children thru 18; generally visual acuity of 20/70 or less; ophthalmological exam within the last year.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Financial assistance available to children.

Low Vision Center Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

1106 West Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606
(813) 251-2407
FAX: (813) 254-4305
Sheryl Brown, Supervisor

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrists; low vision technician.

Low Vision: Screening; optometric examinations; training in the use of special aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Available for sale.

Low Vision Follow-up: Available.

Low Vision Clinic Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches

7810 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
(407) 586-5600
FAX: (407) 586-5604
Loida Casillas, Low Vision Counselor

Type of Agency: Public; non-profit.

Mission: To assist visually impaired persons to develop their capabilities to the fullest.

Funded by: Private donations, including bequests; government grants and fees; sale of products provided in Industries Program; and fee schedule for select services.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM. By appointment only.

Program Accessibility: Meets accessibility standards.

Staff: Low vision counselor and optometrist.

History/Date: Est. 1988.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 356.

Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological or optometric report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and family.

Professional Training:

Internships, field study, in-service training.

Rehabilitation: Vision rehabilitation, referral, and coordination to other rehabilitation services, including orientation and mobility, and rehabilitation teaching.

Employment: Coordination with job placement counselor.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision evaluation, training, and follow-up.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted; training; return policy.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed for further assessment, training, and adjustments.

**University of Florida
Eye Center, Low Vision Service**

Box 100284, JHMH
University of Florida College of
Medicine
Gainesville, FL 32610
(904) 392-3451

G. M. Hope, Ph.D., Director, Low
Vision Services

Funded by: Client fees, state
government.

Hours of Operation: Mon. AM;
Tues. and Thurs. all day; Wed. AM.

Staff: Department of
Ophthalmology.

Eligibility: Referrals.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training
provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies.

**Veterans Administration Hospital
Low Vision Service, Eye Clinic**

1300 North 30th Street
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 971-4500, ext. 177

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: 2 days per
month, by appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
ophthalmology resident; social
worker; orientation/mobility
instructor; rehabilitation teacher;
special educator; occupational
therapist; psychologist/counselor;
rehabilitation counselor;
audiologist.

Eligibility: Veteran; referral only.

Low Vision Aids: On loan for trial
purposes; no rental charges; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment as needed.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Florida Department of Elder
Affairs**

Building I, Room 317
1317 Winewood Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(904) 922-5297
Bentley Lipscomb, Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

GEORGIA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Georgia State Department of Education

Division for Exceptional Students

1970 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, GA 30334-5040
(404) 656-6317

Joan A. Jordan, Ed. D., Director,
Division for Exceptional Students,
(404) 656-3963

Marlene Bryan, Coordinator,
Communications/Low Incidence
Ron Colarusso, Director of Special
Education, Georgia State
University, Urban Life Plaza,
Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 658-
2310

Sara Gill, Consultant, Preschool
Special Education, (404) 656-2426
Marie Amerson, Consultant,
Visually Impaired, L.E.A. Resource
Center, 2895 Vineville Avenue,
Macon, GA 31204-2899,
(912) 751-6096

Type of Agency: State
Department of Education.

Mission: Provides consultation on
educational services for local
schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Area Served: Georgia.

Purchases and distributes braille
and large-type books and materials.

Contact local school
superintendent for program
availability.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention Programs Division of Public Health Georgia Department of Human Resources

878 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Room 203
Atlanta, GA 30309-3999
(404) 894-8940
FAX: (404) 853-9058
Eve Bogan, Director
Wendy Sanders, Early Childhood
Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue
Macon, GA 31204
(912) 751-6083
FAX: (912) 751-6096 (call before
faxing)
Richard E. Hyer, Jr.,
Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide educational
opportunities to visually impaired
and multiply disabled school age
students.

Funded by: State and federal
funding.

Program Accessibility: Fully
accessible.

Staff: 132 full time. Uses
volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1852.

Number of Clients Served: 175.

Eligibility: Resident of Georgia;
legally blind or legally blind-
multiply disabled; mentally
impaired; hearing impaired.

Area Served: Georgia.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Spectacles or low vision
aids or devices. General medical
services; occupational and physical
therapy; speech therapy. Refers for
other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Social evaluation;

psychological testing and
evaluation; individual, group,
family/parent counseling;
placement in school. Provides
consultation to other agencies.
Refers to community services.

Educational: Grades K through 12.
Accepts the visually impaired and
visually impaired-multiply
disabled. Programs for college
prep; general academic;
vocational/skill development.

Preschools: For children aged 3
and 4.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in
orientation/mobility; rehabilitation
counseling; social work; special
education; vocational
rehabilitation.

Reading: Talking book record
players and cassette players; talking
book records and cassettes; braille
books; large-print books; braille
magazines; recorded magazines.
Transcription to braille; book
selection services; Optacon and
Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Residential: Dormitories are
available for students.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management; handwriting;
listening skills; typing; home
management; orientation/mobility;
remedial education; sensory
training.

Recreational: Afterschool
programs; arts and crafts; bowling;
swimming; track; wrestling;
softball; indoor games;
cheerleading; intramural sports;
scouting.

Employment: Prevocational and
vocational evaluation; career
counseling; occupational skill
development; vocational
placement. Refers for
noncompetitive settings through
rehabilitation services.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

BEGIN

(Babies Early Growth Intervention Network)

Center for the Visually Impaired

763 Peachtree Street, N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30308

(404) 875-9011

FAX: (404) 607-0062

Anne McComiskey, Program

Director

Mission: Support through information and skill development.

Funded by: Public and private monies.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Eligibility: Blind or severely visually impaired.

Age Requirements: Birth to age 5.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling, support, and information for parents and families.

Educational: Early intervention services for children designed to provide stimulation and growth in all developmental areas. Center-based and home-based services available.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: For sale and for loan.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue

Macon, GA 31204

(912) 744-6083

Faye Mullis Taylor, Contact Person

Funded by: State and federal funds.

History/Date: Est. 1852.

Age Requirements: 3-22 years.

Assessment: Comprehensive psychoeducational evaluation for visually impaired students.

Consultation to Public Schools: Provides ongoing consultation/technical assistance to local school systems; an annual workshop for teachers of the visually impaired; quarterly newsletters to teachers of the visually impaired.

Direct Service: Educational placement; psychoeducational evaluations for students who attend schools in the local educational agency (LEA). All braille and large-print books for legally blind students in Georgia are ordered through the LEA Resource Center at the academy.

Parent Assistance: As needed or requested. Parents of academy students and of students in public school are provided information about technology for visually impaired, special parent workshops, summer camps, and educational programs.

Materials Production: For use by students enrolled at the academy; achievement tests are thermoformed and distributed to the LEA.

Professional Training: Teachers, instructional aides, and houseparents receive ongoing staff development to receive appropriate certification.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

LEA Resource Center

2895 Vineville Avenue

Macon, GA 31204

(912) 751-6096

FAX: (912) 751-6096

Marie Amerson, Teacher/
Consultant

Area Served: Georgia.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: An inventory listing of braille and large-print textbooks is produced annually for titles available within the state.

Acts as a clearinghouse rather than a depository.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Georgia State University

Department of Special Education

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 651-2310

Kathy Heller, Project Director

Jack M. Sink

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) program in visual impairment; add-on certification in visual impairment.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Albany Library for the Blind and Handicapped

Dougherty County Public Library

300 Pine Avenue

Albany, GA 31701

(912) 431-2920

FAX: (912) 430-4020

Kathryn R. Sinquefield, Librarian

Subregional library.

Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Southwest Georgia Regional Library

Shotwell and Monroe Streets

Bainbridge, GA 31717
(912) 248-2680
FAX: (912) 248-2670
Laura S. Harrison, Librarian
Subregional library.

La Fayette Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

305 South Duke Street
La Fayette, GA 30728
(706) 638-2992
FAX: (706) 638-4028
Lecia Eubanks, Librarian
Subregional library.

Georgia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Department of Education
1150 Murphy Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30310
(404) 756-4619
FAX: (404) 756-4618
Dale Snair, Regional Librarian-Consultant
Sharon Joseph, Machine Lending Information

Mission: Provide general library service to eligible readers as part of the network of libraries cooperating with the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:45 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1933.

Eligibility: Requirements established by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Area Served: Georgia.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassettes, taped books, talking book machines, and cassette machines. Coordinates talking book centers in

13 public libraries. Has limited volunteer reading program.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Oconee Regional Library
806 Highland Avenue
P.O. Box 100
Dublin, GA 31040
(912) 275-5382
Chris Campbell Woburn, Librarian
Subregional library.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

127 North Main Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
(706) 535-5738
FAX: (796) 532-4305
Billie Jean Ouellette, Librarian
Subregional library.

Macon Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Washington Memorial Library
1180 Washington Avenue
Macon, GA 31201
(912) 744-0877 or (912) 744-0877
FAX: (912) 742-3161
Rebecca M. Sherrill
Subregional library.

Rome Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Sara Hightower Regional Library
205 Riverside Parkway
Rome, GA 30161-2911
(706) 236-4618
FAX: (706) 436-4605
Sue Frazier, Librarian
Subregional library.

Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

CEL Regional Library
2002 Bull Street

Savannah, GA 31499
(912) 234-5127 or toll-free in Georgia (800) 342-4455 or (912) 234-5127
FAX: (912) 236-7782
Linda Stokes, Librarian
Subregional library.

Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

South Georgia Regional Library
601 North Lee Street
Valdosta, GA 31601-4766
(912) 333-5210
Sharon Bernstein, Librarian

Type of Agency: Regional branch of the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Mission: To provide library services for persons unable to use standard print.

Funded by: Federal, state, and local governments.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 1 full time, 1 part time.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 400.

Eligibility: Inability to use standard print.

Area Served: 12 counties in central-southern Georgia.

Reading: Books and magazines on tape and record.

Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Talking Book Center

1120 Bradley Drive
Columbus, GA 31995
(404) 649-0780, ext. 22 or 23
FAX: (404) 649-1914
Crawford B. Pike, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Book Center

Athens Regional Library
2025 Baxter Street

Atlanta, GA 30606
 (706) 613-3655 or TDD (706) 354-2620
 FAX: (706) 369-0297
 Janet Wright, Librarian
 Subregional library.

Talking Book Center

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library
 425 Ninth Street
 Augusta, GA 30901
 (706) 821-2625
 FAX: (706) 724-6762
 Gary Swint, Librarian
 Subregional library.

Talking Book Center

Brunswick-Glynn County Regional Library
 208 Gloucester Street
 Brunswick, GA 31523
 (912) 267-1212
 Betty Ransom, Librarian
 Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Atlanta Braille Volunteers

3450 Evans Road, #133D
 Atlanta, GA 30341
 (404) 938-2541
 Theta Miller

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; menus; legal.

Media Formats: Braille books.

DeKalb County School System

Department of Special Services
 Jim Cherry Center
 2415-B North Druid Hills Road,
 N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30329
 (404) 325-3011
 FAX: (404) 633-7005
 Phyllis Cole, Coordinator, Visually Impaired and Orthopedically Handicapped Program

Area Served: DeKalb County.

Groups Served: Blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled children whose visual impairment interferes with functioning in a regular school program.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services

878 Peachtree Street, N.E.
 Atlanta, GA 30309
 (404) 894-7551
 FAX: (404) 853-9059
 Tom Dennis, Program Coordinator,
 Blind and Visually Impaired Program

Area Served: Georgia.

Groups Served: Adults.

Types/Content: Vocational and independent living rehabilitation services.

Media Formats: None specified.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

NEGA RESA

375 Winter Street
 Winterville, GA 30683
 (706) 542-7675
 FAX: (706) 742-8928
 Raymond Akeridge, Director

Area Served: 13 school systems in northeastern Georgia.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Recording for the Blind

120 Florida Avenue
 Athens, GA 30605
 (706) 549-1313

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Institute

P.O. Box 1000
 Warm Springs, GA 31830
 (706) 655-5001
 FAX: (706) 655-5011
 Frank C. Ruzyski, Director

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Talking Book Center

2025 Baxter Street
 Athens, GA 30606
 (706) 613-3655
 FAX: (706) 613-3660
 Janet Wright, Director

Area Served: 16 counties of northeastern Georgia.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational; career/vocational; religious; general.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

RADIO READING

Central Savannah River Area Radio Reading Service, Inc.

c/o WACG-FM, Augusta College
2500 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 39010
(404) 737-1661
Nancy Fominaya, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: 40-mile radius from
Augusta.

Coastal Area Radio Reading Service, Inc.

409 East Liberty Street
Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 234-4848
Robert Rowlette, Chairperson

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Funded by: Government grants,
private foundations, community
service organizations.

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM -
12:00 AM.

Staff: 3 and volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Georgia Radio Reading Service, Inc.

1580 Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 873-3930
Jim Cashin, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours
daily.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: Atlanta metropolitan
area: 100 miles to the south; 70
miles to the north and west; 30
miles to the east.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Foundation for the Blind

Southeast Regional Center

100 Peachtree Street
Suite 620
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 525-2303
FAX: (404) 659-6957

See American Foundation for the
Blind in U.S. national listings.

Georgia Society to Prevent Blindness

2025 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 355-0182
Elizabeth Talmadge, Executive
Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Atlanta Affiliate

4442 Dobbs Crossing
Marietta, GA 30068
(404) 395-9595
Bruce Bryn, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Blind Lawyers Association

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services

878 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Suite 712

Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 894-6670

FAX: (404) 853-9059

Yvonne Johnson, Director
Tom Dennis, Program Coordinator,
Blind and Visually Impaired
Program, (404) 894-7551

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Employment: Vocational
counseling, vocational training,
vocational placement, related
services.

Local Offices:

Albany: Office of Rehabilitation
Services, 212 West Oglethorpe
Boulevard, P.O. Box 1606, Albany,
GA 31702, (912) 439-4170.

Americus: Office of Rehabilitation
Services, 402 North Jackson, P.O.
Box 845, Americus, GA 31709,
(912) 928-1320.

Athens: Office of Rehabilitation
Services, 3670 Atlanta Highway,
P.O. Box 5300, Athens, GA 30604,
(404) 542-6586.

Atlanta: Georgia Industries for the
Blind, 1050 Murphy Avenue, S.W.,
Atlanta, GA 30310, (404) 656-
3653.

Atlanta: Office of Rehabilitation
Services, 878 Peachtree Street,
N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309,
(404) 894-3995.

Augusta: Office of Rehabilitation
Services, 1727 Wrightsboro Road,
P.O. Box 3956, Augusta, GA
30904, (404) 737-1808.

Bainbridge: Georgia Industries for
the Blind, Faceville Highway, P.O.
Box 218, Bainbridge, GA 31717,
(912) 246-5653.

Bainbridge: Office of
Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box
1159, Bainbridge, GA 31717,
(912) 246-6050.

Brunswick: Office of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1756, Gateway Building, 1609 Newcastle Street, Brunswick, GA 31521, (912) 264-7287.

Carrollton: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 116½, Rome Street, Carrollton, GA 30117, (404) 836-6681.

Clarksville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, Green Building, P.O. Box 395, Clarksville, GA 30523, (404) 754-6215.

Columbus: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 233 12th Street, Suite 700, P.O. Box 2863, Columbus, GA 31994, (404) 571-7402.

Dalton: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2523A Chatsworth Road, Dalton, GA 30720, (404) 272-2303.

Decatur: Office of Rehabilitation Services, New First National Bank Building, Room 255, 315 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030, (404) 656-2014.

Dublin: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 507 Academy Avenue, P.O. Box 158, Dublin, GA 31021, (912) 272-6700.

Gainesville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 440 Enota Drive, S.W., P.O. Box 658, Gainesville, GA 30503, (404) 532-5468.

Griffin: Georgia Industries for the Blind, P.O. Box 98, Griffin, GA 30224, (404) 228-7221.

Griffin: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 231-C South 10th Street, Griffin, GA 30223, (404) 228-7210.

Macon: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 707 Pine Street, Suite One, P.O. Box 6117, Macon, GA 31208, (912) 744-6000.

Marietta: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2136 Kingston Court, S.E., Marietta, GA 30067, (404) 952-2110.

Milledgeville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 120 West Green Street, P.O. Box 389, Milledgeville, GA 31061, (912) 453-4781.

Newnan: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 72 Greenville Street, P.O. Box 218, Newnan, GA 30264, (404) 253-3912.

Rome: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 404 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 2644, Rome, GA 30161, (404) 295-6400.

Savannah: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 420 Mall Boulevard, P.O. Box 14350, Savannah, GA 31406, (912) 356-2126.

Thomasville: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 402 South Pinestreet Boulevard, P.O. Box 1378, Thomasville, GA 31799, (912) 228-2320.

Valdosta: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 1810 North Ashley Street, P.O. Box 2275, Valdosta, GA 31601, (912) 333-5248.

Waycross: Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2311 Knight Avenue, P.O. Box 2026, Waycross, GA 31501, (912) 285-6078.

REHABILITATION

Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia

3830 South Cobb Drive
Suite 125

Smyrna, GA 30080

(404) 432-7280

FAX: (404) 432-5457

Lester Levine, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To assist persons who are blind or visually impaired to function independently in their environments.

Funded by: Public funds, United Way, grants, fees, and contributions.

Budget: \$200,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Facility is totally accessible.

Staff: 6 staff and a large group of volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Number of Clients Served: More than 250 annually.

Eligibility: Visual impairment; legally blind and totally blind.

Area Served: Primarily North Georgia; no geographic restrictions.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: None; usually school age through senior citizens.

Health: Low vision clinic and training, activities coordinated with other health-related facilities.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and family

counseling provided. Coordination and consultation with mental health and social service agencies.

Educational: Remedial and basic education.

Reading: Reader services on request; information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; independent living skills. (Services are provided at the center and in community environments).

Recreational: Coordinate activities with other agencies.

Employment: Counseling and coordination with Division of Rehabilitation services; prevocational training and vocational evaluation.

Computer Training: Access to and training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Prescriptions, dispensing and training.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed, at least semi-annually.

Center for the Visually Impaired

763 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 875-9011
FAX: (404) 607-0062
Scott McCall, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Independence with dignity.

Funded by: United Way, public funds, fees and foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 33 full time, 15 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served:

1991-92 fiscal year: 1,227.
Information and referral calls: 1,079.

Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually impaired.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Health: Low vision clinic and training services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Consultation and referral services; individual, group, and family counseling.

Educational: Remedial education; high school equivalency.

Preschools: "Begin" program for preschool children.

Reading: Reader services; tape recording on request; information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; community-based rehabilitation program for older persons and home-bound blind persons.

Recreational: Arts, crafts, games, physical conditioning.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; prevocational training; work adjustment program; job development and placement.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Optical and nonoptical aids.

Georgia Industries for the Blind

P.O. Box 218
Bainbridge, GA 31717
(912) 248-2666
FAX: (912) 248-2669
Kevin Lynch, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Sales of products.

Staff: 30 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Eligibility: Legally blind. Under 18 must be cleared by school superintendent. Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind clients.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Refers for counseling/social work.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts, hobby groups. Contracts for other recreational services.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Local Offices:

Atlanta: Georgia Industries for the Blind, 59 Ormond Street, Atlanta, GA 30315, (404) 656-3862.

Bainbridge: Georgia Industries for the Blind, P.O. Box 218, Bainbridge, GA 31717, Jim Turknett, Plant Manager, (912) 248-2666.

Griffin: Georgia Industries for the Blind, Emlet Drive, P.O. Box 98, Griffin, GA 30224, (404) 228-7221, FAX (404) 229-3311, Al Hardy, Plant Manager, (404) 288-7221.

Savannah: Georgia Industries for the Blind, 100 Aberdeen Street, P.O. Box 3672, Savannah, GA 31414, (912) 944-2530.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

1775 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033-4005
(404) 325-3630
FAX: (404) 636-5549
Marlene Lague, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides eye examinations, eye treatments, eye surgery, eyeglasses, and hearing aids to needy residents of Georgia. Also provides information and referral.

Funded by: Contributions from the Lions Clubs of the state of Georgia, public donations, memorial contributions.

Budget: \$600,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 4 full time, 1 part time.

History/Date: Inc. 1949.

Number of Clients Served: 2,000 annually.

Eligibility: Residents of Georgia.

Area Served: Georgia.

Georgia Sensory Rehabilitation Center

1568 Willingham Drive
Suite 7-200
College Park, GA 30337
(404) 669-3450
Steve Sligar, Director

Age Requirements: Adults.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling provided.

Educational: Remedial programs.

Residential: Residential facility.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; job readiness training.

Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.

7220 Sallie Mood Drive
P.O. Box 15007
Savannah, GA 31416
(912) 354-6611
FAX: (912) 354-3787
Robert A. Lapsley, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically and emotionally disabled.

Funded by: Fees.

Budget: \$2.8 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 14 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1965.

Number of Clients Served: 500 annually.

Eligibility: 16 years or older; able to care for self.

Area Served: 27 counties of southeast Georgia.

Age Requirements: 16 years of age and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluations; individual counseling; referrals to community services; referrals to other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Literacy training.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes.

Rehabilitation: Vocational assessments; work-habit training; job placement.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up

service; refers for vending stand training.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Southeastern Region Office

1005 Virginia Avenue, Suite 104
Atlanta, GA 30354
(404) 766-9625 (voice and TDD)
Ron Cyphers, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

**Rehabilitation Research and Development Center
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

1670 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033
(404) 321-5828
FAX: (404) 728-7731
Franklin K. Coombs, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Conducts applied research to identify the needs of blind and visually impaired persons and to study problems relating to vision and aging. Develops and tests effectiveness of new devices and techniques in rehabilitation. Focus is on research in aging and mobility.

Funded by: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Budget: \$1 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, eastern time.

Staff: 30 full time, including engineers, computer scientists, mobility specialists, and rehabilitation researchers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Savannah Association for the Blind

64 Jasper Street

Savannah, GA 31405

(912) 236-4473

W. Chandler Simmons, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Ongoing provision of programs and services designed to help blind and visually impaired persons adjust and cope with their vision loss.

Funded by: Federal block grants, Chatham County, United Way, private donations.

Budget: 1986: \$265,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 12 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1963.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 319.

Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired, 6 years or older.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services; refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Refers for vocational and educational services.

Preschools: Visually impaired preschool services: serves children from birth to 5 years; in-home and family support services; transition to day care and preschool settings; consultation for workers in other preschool programs.

Professional Training: Internship/field work placement in social work and rehabilitation training; regular in-service training program.

Reading: Refers for reading materials.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living, communication skills,

orientation and mobility, therapeutic skills development.

Recreational: Adult day care services; leisure education; refers for recreational activities; consultation to other recreation providers.

Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Coastal low vision services; serves southeastern Georgia and coastal South Carolina.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Up to 6 months after the low vision examination.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue
Macon, GA 31204
(912) 751-6088

Thomas Ridgeway, Contact Person

Computer Training: Screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors.

Georgia Sensory Rehabilitation Center

1568 Willingham Drive
College Park, GA 30337
(404) 669-3450
Ike Presley, Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Savannah Association for the Blind

Communications Department

64 Jasper Street
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 236-4473

Computer Training: Speech output system; screen magnification system; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Georgia Society of Ophthalmology

938 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 876-7535, ext. 255
FAX: (404) 874-8651
Ray P. Williams, Executive Director

Georgia Optometric Association

2175 Northlake Parkway, Suite 128
Tucker, GA 30084
(404) 908-0208
Georgianne Bearden, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia

3830 South Cobb Drive
Suite 125
Smyrna, GA 30080
(404) 432-7280
FAX: (404) 432-5457
Betty Glover, Low Vision Clinic

Staff: Optometrists specializing in low vision; low vision assistants.

Low Vision: Comprehensive examinations, adjustment services, training in use of devices in various environments.

Low Vision Aids: For sale.

Low Vision Follow-up:

Semiannual follow-ups or more often, depending on condition.

Eye Clinic

Grady Memorial Hospital

80 Butler Street, S.E.
Atlanta, GA 30335
(404) 616-4671
Elizabeth Prophet-Jones, Unit Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, by appointment only.

Area Served: All Fulton and Dekalb County residents.

Low Vision Follow-up: As appropriate.

Maxwell Low Vision Clinic

Center for the Visually Impaired

763 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 875-9011
Scott McCall, Executive Director
Gina Adams, Director
Debra Hudson, Client Services Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Division of Rehabilitation Services, United Way, grants and client fees.

Hours of Operation: Low vision clinic: Mon. and Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM; low vision training: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; social worker; low vision rehabilitation specialist. Other rehabilitation personnel available within the agency.

Eligibility: Functional visual impairment; ophthalmological report no more than one year old.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access, training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Training and return appointments scheduled as needed.

For service: Debra Ashe, Intake Social Worker.

**Medical College of Georgia
Low Vision Clinic**

Department of Ophthalmology
School of Medicine
Augusta, GA 30912-3400
(706) 721-2791
Malcolm N. Luxenberg, Chairman

Type of Agency: Medical School.

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Alternate Wed. mornings.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic technologist.

Eligibility: Recent ophthalmological examination with report and referral or an exam in the medical college clinic.

Area Served: Georgia and South Carolina primarily; no restriction on referrals.

Transportation: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

◆ **Aging Services**

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Office of Aging

878 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Room 632
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 894-5333
Fred McGinnis, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

GUAM

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Guam Department of Education

P.O. Box DE
Agana, GU 96910
(671) 472-8901
Gloria B. Nelson, Director

Mission: Provides special classes and mobility instruction for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, and hard of hearing students at the Guam School for the Deaf and the Blind. Has academic and prevocational programs for partially sighted students.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Guam.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Guam Department of Education Division of Special Education

P.O. Box DE
Agana, GU 96910
(671) 472-8901
FAX: (671) 477-0146
Faye Mata, Early Childhood Coordinator

♦ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Guam Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

254 Martyr Street
Agana, GU 96910
(671) 472-6417
FAX: (671) 477-9777
Frank R. San Augustin, Territorial Librarian

Mission: Subregional library of the Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Serves as sublending agency for machines; circulates cassette books.

Funded by: United States Department of Education, Title III.

Budget: \$19,197.

Hours of Operation:

Mon.Wed.Fri. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.
Tues.Thurs. 9:30 - 8:00 PM. Sat.
10:00 - 4:00 PM. Sun. 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

Area Served: Guam and the Mariana Islands.

♦ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Guam Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

122 IT&E Plaza
Room B-201
Harmon Industrial Park, GU 96910
(671) 646-9468
FAX: (671) 649-7672
Norbert Ungacta, State Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To enable qualified individuals with disabilities, especially with severe disabilities, to achieve employment and community independence.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$1.8 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 31.

History/Date: Est. 1958.

Eligibility: Physically and mentally disabled.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation.

Rehabilitation: Personal management.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; prevocational training; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

♦ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division of Senior Citizens Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services

P.O. Box 2816
Agana, GU 96910
(671) 734-4361
Florence P. Shimizu, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Guam Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

122 IT&E Plaza
Room B-201
Harmon Industrial Park, GU 96910
(671) 646-9468
Mildred Campbell, Project Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

HAWAII

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Hawaii Department of Education Statewide Center for Students with Hearing and Visual Impairments

3440 Leahi Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 734-0297

Ute Hoelscher, Resource Teacher
for the Visually Impaired,
(808) 735-4581

Dr. Jane Fernandes, Administrator
Dr. Margaret Donovan, Office of
Instructional Services, Special
Education Section, (808) 737-3720

Mission: Provides special materials and consultation for local schools. Offers testing and evaluation. Maintains resource room.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1914.

Area Served: Hawaii.

Contact local school superintendent for program information and additional services, or Jane Fernandes, Statewide Center for Students with Hearing and Visual Impairments, 3440 Leahi Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Zero to 3 Hawaii Project

Pan American Building
1600 Kapiolani Boulevard
Suite 1401
Honolulu, HI 96814
(808) 957-0066

FAX: (808) 946-5222

Jean Johnson, Project Coordinator

All services required under Hawaii's State Plan for Early Intervention Part H services.

SCHOOLS

Statewide Center for Students with Hearing and Visual Impairments

3440 Leahi Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 734-0297

Dr. Jane Fernandes, Administrator
Ute Hoelscher, Resource Teacher
for the Visually Impaired,
(808) 735-4581

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Services for blind, deaf/blind, and deaf students from 3-20 years.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1914.

Educational: Teaches braille, orientation and mobility, and other special skills blind children need to function in public schools.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Statewide Center for Students with Hearing and Visual Impairments

3440 Leahi Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 734-0297 or (808) 735-4581
FAX: (808) 735-7069

Dr. Jane Fernandes, Administrator

Funded by: Department of Education; public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1914.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Assessment: By diagnostic team: psychologist, social worker, family educator, teacher for visually impaired students, orientation and mobility instructor, teacher for hearing impaired students, speech pathologist, audiologist.

Consultation to Public Schools: For visually and hearing impaired students.

Direct Service: Classroom instruction.

Materials Production:

Coordinates statewide ordering of large-print braille, and special material for visually impaired students.

♦ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

402 Kapahulu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 732-7767 or TDD (808) 732-7767

FAX: (808) 732-4158

Sally Morgan, Librarian

Type of Agency: A division of the Hawaii State Public Library System and a regional library in the network of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Mission: Provides free, modern library service for people who need library material in a special format. Provides library advisory service to state-supported residential institutions.

Funded by: Public funds and contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 16.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Eligibility: For NLS collection, must meet requirements of Public Law 89-522. Large-type books available to all holders of Hawaii State public library service card.

Area Served: Hawaii and U.S. Pacific Islands.

Regional library providing braille, disks, cassettes and large-type books; inkprint books about various disabilities; transcribing services in braille, large-type, and disabled recorded cassette. Serves as machine lending agency. Serves other disabled persons requiring audio-visual materials. Houses Hawaii State Public Library system's large-type collection.

Subregional library in Guam. Machine sublending agencies in Hilo, Kahului and Lihue.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

402 Kapahulu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815
(808) 732-7767
FAX: (808) 732-4158
Sally Morgan, Director

Area Served: State of Hawaii, United States, Pacific Islands.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults; must be certified as eligible for National Library Service for Blind and Physically Handicapped service.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books; recorded cassette books, large-print books.

Title Listings: Title listings available on request.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Hawaii Affiliate

45-573 Awanene Way
Kaneohe, HI 96744
(808) 247-0970
Caroline Lim, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Ho'opono Services for the Blind Hawaii Department of Human Services

1901 Bachelot Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 586-5266
FAX: (808) 586-5288
Janice Tauares, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To improve the standard of living and quality of life of persons with blindness or visual impairments residing in the State of Hawaii.

Funded by: Federal and state grants.

Hours of Operation: 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 32 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1935.

Eligibility: Visual impairment that interferes with ability to function personally, socially, vocationally. Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Area Served: Statewide.

Health: Low vision clinic or service; low vision aids. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; arranges psychological testing and evaluation; individual, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy, mobility.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; electronic mobility aids;

home management; occupational therapy; orientation/mobility skills; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training; orientation to adaptive equipment.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; referrals for occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

Computer Training: Only as related to use of adaptive equipment.

Low Vision: Conducts low vision evaluations.

Low Vision Follow-up: Limited follow-up.

Local Offices:

Hilo: Hawaii Branch, 75 Aupuni, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 961-7331.

Lihue: Kauai Branch, P.O. Box 1028, Lihue, HI 96766, (808) 245-4333.

Wailuku: Maui Branch, P.O. Box RRR, Wailuku, HI 96793, (808) 244-4291.

REHABILITATION

Ho'opono Workshop for the Blind

1901 Bachelot Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 586-5286
FAX: (808) 586-5288
Jon L. Koki, Manager

Type of Agency: Workshop for blind persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 3.

History/Date: Est. 1962.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired persons.

Area Served: Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Employment: Sheltered workshop employment.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Eye of the Pacific Guide Dogs and Mobility Services, Inc.

747 Amana Street, #407

Honolulu, HI 96814

(808) 941-1088

FAX: (808) 941-1088

Victoria Cozloff, Executive Secretary

Frank Redondo, President

Mission: Supplies dog guides and electronic mobility aids to blind persons.

Funded by: United Funds and service organizations.

History/Date: Est. 1955 and Inc. 1957.

Number of Clients Served: 54.

Eligibility: Six months of residency in Hawaii, Guam, or Alaska. Candidates must be evaluated and have a doctor's endorsement.

Area Served: Hawaii and Guam, and Alaska.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Low Vision Aids: Electronic aids provided.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Hawaii Optometric Association

1123 11th Avenue, #203

Honolulu, HI 96816

(808) 734-7050

Mark Teruya, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Low Vision Clinic

Ho'opono Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1901 Bachelot Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

(808) 586-5276

FAX: (808) 586-5288

Lillian Kaneshiro, Social Worker

Bryon Wong, M.D., Staff

Ophthalmologist

Harry Terada, O.D., Optometrist

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Wed. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; social worker; ophthalmologist; refers as needed for services of orientation/mobility instructor, rehabilitation teacher, vocational rehabilitation counselor, and social group worker.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report.

Low Vision: Examination by optometrist specializing in low vision.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By home visit 1st or 2nd month; phone interviews are conducted in 2 or 3 months.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Executive Office on Aging

Office of the Governor

335 Merchant Street

Room 241

Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 586-0100 or Information & Referral In State (800) 468-4644

Jeanette Takamura, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Hawaii Department of Human Services

Bishop Trust Building

1000 Bishop Street, Room 615

Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 586-5355

Neil Shim, Acting Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

IDAHO

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Idaho State Department of Education

650 West State Street
 Len B. Jordon Building, Room 150
 Boise, ID 83702
 (208) 334-3390
 FAX: (208) 334-2228
 Jerry L. Evans, Superintendent of Public Instruction
 Fred Balcom, State Director of Special Education
 George J. Pelletier, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Area Served: Idaho.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

450 West State Street
 Seventh Floor
 Boise, ID 83720
 (208) 334-5531
 FAX: (208) 334-0645
 Mary Jones, Program Manager

Awards grants to programs serving preschool children.

SCHOOLS

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street
 Gooding, ID 83330
 (208) 934-4457
 James Rainier, Superintendent
 Pat Nelson, Director of Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Counseling, vocational evaluation, orientation/mobility, residential services. Audiological and special pathology services.

Funded by: State residential school.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: School provides dormitory living situations and transportation to and from home on weekends. Daily busing program available for day students within 50-mile radius of the school.

Staff: 135 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Number of Clients Served: 26.

Eligibility: Visually and/or hearing impaired, deaf-blind, or multiply disabled persons.

Area Served: State of Idaho.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Nurses on duty to provide general medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Trained counselors on site; summer camp provides psychological programs.

Educational: Academic programs for children, preschool through high school; career-oriented vocational program for nonacademic students; home-bound preschool program. Itinerant instructions for students attending public school programs.

Preschools: Regional statewide in-house programs for children age 0-3. For children age 3-

kindergarten consultation services to public schools.

Professional Training:

Professional internships in special education or related fields.

Reading: Media center for providing braille, large-print, other aids.

Residential: Residential component for blind, deaf, or multiply disabled clients.

Recreational: Recreational specialist coordinates after-school activities. Extracurricular activities provided: soccer, basketball, swimming, volley ball, track, gym, group activities.

Computer Training: Individual instruction depending on needs. Consultation to schools.

Low Vision: Contracts for assessments.

Low Vision Aids: Workshops for school districts.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street
 Gooding, ID 83330
 (208) 934-4457
 James Rainier, Superintendent
 Ron Darcy, Director of Outreach

Type of Agency: Residential school.

Mission: Serve educational needs of children.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and state funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 6 full time. Various therapists available as consultants. Has advisory board for overall program, including a parent member.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Eligibility: Visually impaired/multiply disabled; resident of Idaho.

Area Served: State of Idaho.

Age Requirements: Birth - kindergarten.

Health: Adaptive equipment; other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Home-based programs and consultant services to other programs. Perceptual development and parent counseling available on consultant or referral basis.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Preschools: Itinerant teachers work with agencies and with parents at home, statewide; preschool classroom for children 3 years-kindergarten.

Professional Training:

Workshops for itinerant teachers and for regular education teachers in public schools.

Low Vision Aids: Devices available on loan.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street
Gooding, ID 83330
(208) 934-4457

FAX: (208) 934-8352

Ron Darcy, Director of Outreach

Funded by: State funds; foundation grants.

Located at: Gooding, with regional offices throughout the state.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Assessment: Y.

Consultation to Public Schools: Y.

Direct Service: Y.

Parent Assistance: Y.

Materials Production: Large print.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street
Gooding, ID 83330
Shirley Peterson, Media Supervisor

Area Served: Idaho.

Groups Served: Preschool - grade 12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Idaho State Library Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped

325 West State Street
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 334-2117 or toll-free in Idaho
(800) 233-4931
FAX: (208) 334-4016
Kay H. Salmon, Librarian

Type of Agency: Part of the Library of Congress network.

Mission: To provide library materials and information to print-disabled residents of the state of Idaho in formats that are appropriate for their use.

Funded by: State and federal monies.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 11.

History/Date: Est. 1973. Prior to 1973, services provided by Utah under the auspices of Idaho state library.

Number of Clients Served: 2,596.

Eligibility: Visually impaired persons and disabled persons who cannot use printed materials.

Area Served: Idaho.

Lending library for Idaho and distributor of talking book machines for the blind and physically handicapped.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Boise Public Schools

1207 Fort Street
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 338-3655
FAX: (208) 338-3487
Mike Anderson, Director of Communication Disorders

Area Served: Boise City.

Groups Served: Preschool - grade 12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Idaho State Library Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped

325 West State Street
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 334-2117 or toll-free in Idaho
(800) 233-4931
FAX: (208) 334-4016
Kay H. Salmon, Director, Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services

Groups Served: Visually impaired and physically disabled persons.

Types/Content: Books, magazines, and music.

Media Formats: Cassettes, recorded disks, braille, large-print.

Title Listings: None specified.

RADIO READING**Idaho Radio Reading Service**

341 West Washington
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 334-3220
William Poppleton, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-11:00 AM; 7:00 PM-
9:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Area Served: Treasure Valley and
southwest area of Idaho, plus a
small portion of eastern Oregon.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES**Idaho Commission for the Blind**

341 West Washington Street
Boise, ID 83720-6000
(208) 334-3220
Mike Blackalle, Rehabilitation
Services Chief
Edward McHugh, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind,
legally blind, deaf-blind.

Funded by: State appropriated
funds, federal matching funds.

Staff: 40 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Health: Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Individual, family/parent,
couple counseling.

Professional Training: Regular
in-service, short-term or summer
training open for enrollment to
other agencies in subjects requested
by agencies.

Reading: Talking book record
players and cassette players; braille
books; large print books; braille
magazines; recorded magazines.

Residential: Orientation and
adjustment center for adults.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management; braille; typing; home
management; cane travel;
rehabilitation teaching in client's
home and community. Job training
and placement.

Recreational: Refers for
recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; career and skill
counseling; occupational skill
development; vocational
placement; vending stand training;
on-the-job training.

Local Offices:

Coeur d'Alene: Coeur d'Alene
Regional Office, Coeur d'Alene, ID
83814, (208) 667-8494.

Lewiston: Lewiston Regional
Office, Lewiston, ID 83501,
(208) 746-3241, ext. 298.

Pocatello: Pocatello Regional
Office, 427 North Main Street,
Suite J, Pocatello, ID 83204,
(208) 233-7171.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES**Idaho Optometric Association**

405 South Eighth Street, #365
Boise, ID 83702-7100
(208) 345-3072
FAX: (208) 343-8046
Connie Searles, Executive Director

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING**Office on Aging**

Statehouse, Room 108
Boise, ID 83720
(208) 334-3833
Charlene Martindale, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

ILLINOIS

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Illinois State Board of Education Department of Special Education

100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777
(217) 782-6601
FAX: (217) 782-0372
Gail Liberman, Assistant
Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides adapted materials. Offers reader services as needed. Cooperates with the Illinois State Board of Education Program Service Teams in offering technical assistance to local programs.

Funded by: Public funds.

Administers supplemental state and federal funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Eligibility: Visually impaired students in local schools and residential schools.

Area Served: Illinois.

Age Requirements: 3 - 21 years of age.

Educational: Programs for students aged 3-21.

Preschools: Programs for children aged 0-3.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention Program Unit, S-100

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street

Springfield, IL 62777

(217) 524-0203

FAX: (217) 785-7849

Audrey Witzman, Supervisor, Birth to Five Programs, Department of Special Education

Early intervention services for children aged 0-5.

SCHOOLS

Hope School

50 Hazel Lane
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 786-3350
Gary Hammond, Executive
Director
Mark A. Miller, Director of
Education

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically handicapped.

Funded by: Fees, private contributions.

Staff: 130 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1957.

Eligibility: Non-ambulatory, ambulatory, controlled seizures.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 2-21 years.

Health: General medical services. Contracts for other eye health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, couple counseling; placement in school.

Educational: Non-graded.

Professional Training: Internship/supervised fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service/short term training programs.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille

books; large print books; braille magazines; information and referral system.

Residential: 108 dormitory beds for children, adults, multiply handicapped.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential and summer day camps; swimming.

Employment: Contracts for sheltered workshops.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 479-4400
FAX: (217) 479-4479
Richard G. Umsted,
Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply disabled blind students.

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, during the academic school year and at other times as dictated by programs.

Program Accessibility: All aspects of the program are/will be in compliance with ADA requirements.

Staff: 143 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1849.

Number of Clients Served: 120 students during the academic year and 55 infants birth thru 5 years old, each year.

Eligibility: Resident of Illinois with visual impairment who is between the ages of birth thru 21.

Area Served: State of Illinois.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth thru 5 for Parent Infant; 4 thru 21 for other programs.

Health: Evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; prevocational/vocational/living skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille; large-print books; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.

Residential: Dormitories.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; music; drama; track; wrestling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Provided via computer lab exposure/training approach.

Low Vision: Services provided via clinics sponsored by state Lions organization and ongoing activities.

Low Vision Aids: Prescription of spectacles or aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability, or Department of Special Education, Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777 (217) 782-6601.

Philip J. Rock Center and School

818 DuPage Boulevard
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
(708) 790-2474

FAX: (708) 790-4893

Christine D. Dorsey, C.A.S., Chief Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for children who are deaf-blind.

Funded by: Illinois State Board of Education.

Budget: \$2,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Staff: 63 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served: 27 in residential school; 260 served by the service center.

Eligibility: Auditory and visual impairment.

Area Served: Illinois.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Refers for and contracts for other medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: School and training placement. Refers and contracts for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Prevocational; daily living skills; community-based education; leisure and recreation.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training, open to enrollment from other agencies. Sponsors conferences on a quarterly basis.

Reading: Cassette tape players; large-print books; information and referral; transcription to braille.

Residential: Dormitory.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; residential summer camp; swimming; track. Evening and weekend programs.

Employment: Supported employment training opportunities.

Computer Training: 5 Apple computers for students' use.

Low Vision: Evaluations and training available.

Low Vision Aids: Will supply aids to meet individual students needs.

Low Vision Follow-up: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

South Metropolitan Association for Low-Incidence Handicapped

800 Governors Highway
P.O. Box 460

Flossmoor, IL 60422

(708) 957-7100

FAX: (708) 957-5641

Robert van Dyke, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Cooperative education agency serving 55 school districts in southern suburban Chicago.

Mission: To provide quality education and training for disabled citizens through planned programs and the efforts of trained staff.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142, state funds, as well as school district tuition.

Budget: \$13 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Occupational, speech, physical therapists; psychologists; orientation/mobility specialist; teaching staff; nursing staff; social workers.

History/Date: Est. 1968.

Number of Clients Served: 1,000 direct, others via diagnostics.

Eligibility: Disabled, severely disabled.

Area Served: Southern suburban Chicago.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; educational and medical diagnostics.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; social work services.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Preschools: At-risk programs; parent-infant programs, early childhood programs.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and mobility instruction, therapy, and related rehabilitation services.

Employment: Prevocational training.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Low Vision Aids: Adaptive equipment available.

Low Vision Aids: As needed.

School-based programs for all low-incidence disabilities, with or without additional problems. Multiple disabilities class, consultant services to other programs, self contained programs for severely disabled children.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Eleanor Palmer Development Center

1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874

FAX: (312) 243-8539
Mary Zobelski, Director of Children's Programs

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To create opportunities for blind and visually impaired people, including those who are multiply disabled. To develop and promote effective programs that maximize the potential for independent living, assist in achieving economic self-support, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Funded by: Preschool program supported by tuition from local school boards. Infant program funded by United Way and Department of Mental Health grants.

Hours of Operation: 8:45 AM-5:00 PM throughout the year.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 21 full time; 5 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 30 (day school); 50-60 (preschool).

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Chicago area and collar suburbs.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Day Program: 3 years; none for birth-3 program.

Health: Low vision exams; occupational, physical, communication therapy; medical consultation available.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; psychiatric consultation available; referrals to other agencies.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; orientation/mobility.

Preschool program serves 3-5 year olds in multiply disabled classroom. Infant program serves 0-3 year olds at home.

Approved as nonpublic education facility for disabled children by State of Illinois.

DuPage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association

1464 South Main Street
Lombard, IL 60148
(312) 629-7272

Wendell Jones, Director
Joan Marie Lacey, Consultant, Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Funded by: P.L. 94-142 monies and state funds.

Staff: 13 full time (early childhood/teachers of visually impaired children, orientation/mobility instructors, therapists); uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Area Served: DuPage and western Cook counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; social work services.

Educational: Provides direct instruction in all developmental areas.

Low Vision: Exams available on referral basis.

Center-based with home component for visually impaired children, with or without other

disabilities, 0-3 years. Classes for visually impaired, multiply disabled children, resource rooms, and consultant services to other programs for children 3-5 years. Itinerant vision services to public schools.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 479-4400
FAX: (217) 479-4479
Richard G. Umsted,
Superintendent
Bill A. Forney, Director of Student Services

Type of Agency: State funds.

Mission: Services for visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled blind students.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 monies and state funds.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week during academic school year and at other times as dictated by programs.

Program Accessibility: All aspects of the program are/will be in compliance with ADA requirements.

Staff: 143 full time for total program. Has advisory board, including parent members.

History/Date: Est. 1849.

Number of Clients Served: 120 students during the academic year and 55 infants birth through 5 years old each year.

Eligibility: Resident of Illinois with visual impairment.

Area Served: Entire state.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth through 5 for Parent Infant.

Consultant, evaluation, and referral services for visually impaired, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind children, 0-5 years, are provided on request to parents and other

programs via an annual institute and outreach services as needed and requested.

LICA-NSSEO Infant Vision Program

1855 Mount Prospect Road
Des Plaines, IL 60018
(708) 803-9444 or (708) 803-9455
Dr. Pamela Gillet,
Superintendent/Director, NSSEO
Terri Mertz, LICA-NSSEO Vision Coordinator
Gary Lieder, Agency Administrator

Type of Agency: Intermediate education program.

Mission: Services for visually impaired children with or without other impairments.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, private donations, and state funds.

Staff: 2 full time (teacher of visually impaired children), 1 part time, variety of other staff available for consultation. Has advisory board, including parent members.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Various health services available on referral.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent education groups, parent support groups, and parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas, speech/language and communication.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; daily living skills; physical therapy; occupational therapy.

Home-based program with center component for 0-3 year olds; multiply disabled and non-categorical classes for 3-5 year olds. Infant and multiply disabled vision clinic provided monthly by optometrist.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 479-4400
FAX: (217) 479-4479
Bill A. Forney, Director of Student Services

Funded by: State funds.

Age Requirements: None.

Consultation to Public Schools: As needed or requested.

Direct Service: Assessments, including components of case studies.

Parent Assistance: As needed or requested.

Materials Production: Provided along with technical assistance/consultation by computer lab.

Professional Training: Programs presented, as requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Services for the Visually Impaired

444 West Reynolds
Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 525-3300
FAX: (217) 525-3029
Alice Post

Area Served: Illinois.

Groups Served: Students (ages 0-adult) with visual impairments enrolled in a formal educational program.

Types/Content: Educational materials.

Media Formats: Braille books, tangible aids, adaptive computer equipment.

Title Listings: Braille masters stored in the depository are listed in the American Printing House for the Blind's central catalog under the acronym SEIMC.

Southern Will County Cooperative

24911 South Tryon Street
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-2800
Patricia M. Hall, Coordinator
Visually Impaired Programs

Area Served: Grundy, Will, Kendall, Kankakee, and LaSalle counties.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Coordinates services to visually impaired students in school districts.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Illinois State University

University Laboratory Schools,
Elementary/Secondary Programs
for the Visually Handicapped
321 East Fairchild Hall
Normal, IL 61761
(309) 438-2111
Ray Eiben, Chairperson, Specialist Education
Norma DeMario, Instructor

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and multihandicapped.

Northern Illinois University

Program for Blind Rehabilitation
Department EPSE

DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 753-8459
FAX: (815) 753-9250
Patricia J. Koenig, Rehabilitation Teaching, (815) 753-8456
Dr. Gaylen Kapperman, Visually Handicapped, (815) 753-8453
Dr. Toni Heinze, Visually Handicapped/Rural, (815) 753-8452
Thomas J. Langham, Orientation and Mobility, (815) 753-8455

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired and multiply disabled children, for rehabilitation teachers of blind adults, and for orientation and mobility.

Southern Illinois University

Rehabilitation Institute
Rehn Hall 317
Carbondale, IL 62901-4609
(618) 536-7704
FAX: (618) 453-1646
Louis Viececi, Associate Professor

Programs Offered: Special short course in job development and placement for employed rehabilitation professionals in agencies for the blind. Offered three times a year at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Chicago Public Library
Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1055 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 746-9210
FAX: (312) 746-9192
Hattie L. Lucas Power, Regional Library Director

Type of Agency: Regional library for the blind and physically handicapped.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$669,713 (library).

Staff: 3 librarians; 1 paraprofessional; 10 support staff.

History/Date: Est. 1893.

Eligibility: Blind, visually impaired, or physically disabled according to National Library Service guidelines.

Area Served: Illinois. Also provides braille reader service for Wisconsin.

Professional Training: Limited. Reference/reader advisor assistance available.

Reading: General; career/vocational: fiction.

Employment: Titles.

Low Vision Aids: By request.

Chicago Public Library Talking Book Center

1055 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 746-9200
FAX: (312) 746-9192
Mamie Grady, Librarian

Subregional library.

Heart of Illinois Talking Book Center

Illinois Valley Library System
845 Brenkman Drive
Pekin, IL 61554
(309) 353-4110 or toll-free in Illinois (800) 426-0709
FAX: (309) 353-8281
Lori Logsdon, Librarian

Subregional library.

River Road Talking Book Service

Great River Library System
106 North Fifth

Quincy, IL 62301
(217) 224-6619 or toll-free in
Illinois (800) 537-1274 or TDD
(217) 224-6619
Eileen Sheppard, Librarian
Subregional library.

Southern Illinois Talking Book Center

Shawnee Library System
511 Greenbriar Road
Carterville, IL 62918-1600
(618) 985-8375 or toll-free in
Illinois (800) 458-0475 or TDD
(618) 985-8375
FAX: (618) 985-4211
Joan Laskaris, Librarian
Subregional library.

Suburban Audio-Visual Service Talking Book Service

920 Barnsdale Road
La Grange Park, IL 60525
(708) 352-7671 or toll-free in
Illinois (800) 627-0062
FAX: (708) 352-7528
Patti Lang, Librarian
Subregional library.

Talking Book Center of Northwest Illinois

P.O. Box 125
Coal Valley, IL 61240
(309) 799-3137 or toll-free in
Illinois (800) 747-3137
FAX: (309) 799-7916
Dee Canfield, Librarian
Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Braille Transcribers Club of Illinois

7240 North Overhill
Chicago, IL 60631
(312) 774-6638
Martha E. Williams, Contact
Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; foreign languages (French, Spanish, German).

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Hospital
Hines, IL 60141
(312) 343-7200
Barbara J. Hofmann, Supervisor,
Living Skills

Groups Served: Adults.

Types/Content: Notes; learning aids.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Chicago Public Library Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1055 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 746-9210
FAX: (312) 746-9192
Hattie L. Lucas Power, Director

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Braille/cassette books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Guild for the Blind

180 North Michigan, Suite 170
Chicago, IL 60601-7463
(312) 236-8569
FAX: (312) 236-8128
Marie Porter, Executive Director

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, and religious publications.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: Large-print, braille and audio lists available at no charge.

Transcription services, seminars, and classes available.

Horizons for the Blind

7001 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60626
(312) 973-7600
FAX: (312) 973-7603
Frank Zaccagnini, Director

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational; menus; employment-related documents for organizations and corporations.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books.

Title Listings: Supplied in print and braille forms with and without a charge.

Illinois Instructional Materials Center

444 West Reynolds Street
Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 525-3300
Alice M. Post, Manager

Groups Served: Blind and visually impaired students.

Types/Content: Primarily instructional materials.

Media Formats: Braille and large print.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 479-4400
FAX: (217) 479-4479
Richard G. Umsted,
Superintendent

Area Served: State of Illinois.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Johanna Bureau for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

8 South Michigan Avenue
Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 332-6076
Edith Weiner, Executive Chirman

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational.

Media Formats: Braille and tape.

LICA-NSSEO Vision West

1855 Mount Prospect Road
Des Plaines, IL 60018
(708) 803-9444 or (708) 803-9455
Gary Lieder, Agency Administrator
Teri Mertz, Vision Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Printed with and without a charge.

Naperville Area Transcribing for the Blind

670 North Eagle Street

Naperville, IL 60563
(708) 420-1863
FAX: (708) 420-2314
Gloria K. Buntrock, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12 and other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Peoriarea Blind People's Center

2905 West Garden Street
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 637-3693
Janet Brill, Interim Executive
Director

Area Served: 40-mile radius of Peoria county courthouse.

Groups Served: Visually impaired and blind.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Recording for the Blind

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Division of Rehabilitation
Education Services
1207 South Oak Street
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-4610
FAX: (217) 333-0248

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

Chicago Unit
18 South Michigan
Room 806
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 236-8715
June Byfield, Executive Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

University of Chicago
Hinds Building, Room 59-B
5734 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637
(312) 288-7077

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

North Central College
30 North Brainard Street
Naperville, IL 60540
(312) 420-0722

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

LaGrange Road and 143rd Street
Orland Park, IL 60462
(312) 349-9356

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

708 Oak Street
P.O. Box 204
Winnetka, IL 60093
(312) 446-3338

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Southern Illinois University

Rehabilitation Institute
Rehn Hall 317
Carbondale, IL 62901-4609
(618) 536-7704
Louis Viececi, Associate Professor

Groups Served: College students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Division of Rehabilitation Education Services

1207 South Oak Street
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-4604
FAX: (217) 333-0248
Supervisor, Services for Sensory Accommodations

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

APRIS

c/o WVIK
Augustana College
639 38th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 794-7500
Diane Stokeld, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1989.

Area Served: 60 miles WVIK/40 miles APRIS.

Chicagoland Radio Information Service, Inc.

400 North Franklin Street
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 541-8400
Bonnie Miller, General Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.
6:00 AM-Sun. 11:00 PM (24 hours a day, seven days a week, except late Sunday evening into early Monday morning).

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Chicago Metropolitan area.

Illinois Radio Reader

59 East Armory
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-6503
Linda Curio, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:00 AM-12:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
8:00 AM-11:00 PM; local programming presented
11:00 AM-11:00 PM weekdays,
11:00 AM-12:00 PM weekends.
Contact the reading service for exact schedule.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: 80-mile radius from Monticello, Illinois (transmitter site).

Northern Illinois Radio Information Services WNIU-FM

Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 753-0212
Donna Brooks, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
6:00 AM-10:30 AM; Sat.
9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: 50-mile radius from DeKalb in northern Illinois.

Radio Information Service

Wabash Valley College
2200 College Drive
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(618) 262-8641, ext. 253
Glenda Raber, Program Director
Jerry Bayne, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Area Served: 45-mile radius from Mt. Carmel, including portions of Indiana.

Radio Information Service for Blind and Handicapped

9500 West Illinois
Route 15

Belleville, IL 62223
(618) 397-6700 or in St. Louis area,
(314) 241-3400

Joseph E. Kasperek, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
8:00 AM-8:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

Radio Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped of West Central Illinois

Western Illinois University
504 Memorial Hall
Macomb, IL 61455
(309) 298-2403
Joyce Becker, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day. Local programming: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-7:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
8:00 AM-5:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: An approximate 55-mile radius from Macomb, Illinois.

Southern Illinois Radio Information Service

P.O. Box 1056
Carbondale, IL 62903
(618) 549-5604
Rich Parrish, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
5:00 AM-1:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Area Served: Southern Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana.

WCBU Radio Information Service

P.O. Box 1990
Peoria, IL 61656
(309) 673-7100
Frank Thomas, General Manager
Margaret Sutherland, Volunteer Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.

7:30 AM-3:00 AM; Sat.-Sun.

7:30 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: 40-mile radius from Peoria.

WSSU-FM Radio Information Services

Sangamon State University
Springfield, IL 62794-9243

(217) 786-6516

Trish Kearney, Coordinator/
Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.

6:00 AM-12:00 AM; Sat.

9:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun.

10:00 AM-1:30 PM, 4:30 PM-
6:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: 40-mile radius from
Springfield, Illinois.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Foundation for the Blind

Midwest Regional Center

401 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 308

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 245-9961

FAX: (312) 245-9965

See American Foundation for the
Blind in U.S. national listings.

Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness

407 South Dearborn Street
Suite 1000

Chicago, IL 60605

(312) 922-8710

James A. McKenzie, Jr.

Promotes eye health/safety via
public/professional education
programs.

National Society to Prevent Blindness

500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173

(708) 843-2020 or (800) 221-3004

Robert S. Bolan, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.
Local and affiliate offices are listed
in their respective states.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Chicago Affiliate

1011 South Waiola

LaGrange, IL 60525

(708) 354-8108

Ann Rasch, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Blind Skiing Foundation

American Society for Contemporary Ophthalmology

Hadley School for the Blind

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Lions Clubs International

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation

National Easter Seals Society

National Eye Research Foundation (Optometry)

National Society to Prevent Blindness

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services

General Administration

623 East Adams Street

P.O. Box 19429

Springfield, IL 62794-9429

(217) 782-2093 or TDD (217) 782-
5734

Audrey McCrimon, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1920.

Eligibility: One of the following:
Adults who have a severe visual
impairment and require assistance
in adjusting to their loss of vision;
persons below age 60 whose
disability places them in danger of
long-term institutionalization and
for whom the cost of home services
would be reasonably related to the
cost of institutional care (need not
have a vocational goal); severely
disabled school-age children and
youths (blind, deaf, and/or
orthopedically disabled) who
would benefit from a residential
school setting and who cannot be
served appropriately by local
resources.

Rehabilitation: Directly provides
rehabilitation counseling, guidance,
some testing, job placement
services, rehabilitation teaching
and orientation/mobility
instruction in a community-based
or residential setting. Other
necessary services are purchased in
whole or in part (depending upon
similar benefits and other
resources) by the department.

Local Offices:

Aurora: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 888 South Edgelawn, Suite 1771, Aurora, IL 60505, (708) 892-7417 (Voice) or (TDD) (708) 892-7702.

Belleville: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 601 South High Street, Belleville, IL 62220, (618) 235-5300 (Voice or TDD).

Carbondale: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 309 East Jackson, P.O. Box 2348, Carbondale, IL 62902-2348, (618) 457-2107 (Voice or TDD).

Champaign: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 510 Devonshire, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-5707 or (TDD) (217) 333-5716.

Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 100 West Randolph, Suite 8-100, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 917-2925.

Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 8840 South Stony Island, Chicago, IL 60617, (312) 768-6700 (Voice or TDD).

Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 5015 West Lawrence, Chicago, IL 60630, (312) 282-7600 or (TDD) (312) 282-7608.

Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3710 North Kedzien, Chicago, IL 60618-4504, (312) 509-1070 or (TDD) (312) 509-1058.

Chicago: Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute, 1151 South Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60612, (312) 996-1508 (Voice).

Chicago: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3556 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608, (312) 650-4640 (Voice or TDD).

Chicago Heights: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 100 First National Plaza, Room 300, Chicago Heights, IL 60411, (708) 709-3333 (Voice or TDD).

Decatur: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1065 West Pershing Road, Decatur, IL 62526, (217) 875-4866 (Voice or TDD).

Downers Grove: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 2901 Finley Road, Suite 109, Downers Grove, IL 60515, (708) 495-0500 (Voice or TDD).

Evergreen Park: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 9730 South Western Avenue, Room 604, Evergreen Park, IL 60642, (708) 857-2378 or (TDD) (708) 857-2359.

Granite City: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3675 Nameoki Road, Granite City, IL 62040, (618) 877-0753 (Voice or TDD).

Jacksonville: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 658 East State Street, Building #5, Jacksonville, IL 62650, (217) 245-9585 (Voice or TDD).

Mt. Vernon: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4 Doctor Park Road, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, (618) 244-0331 (Voice or TDD).

Peoria: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3829 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61614, (309) 686-6016 or (TDD) (309) 686-6088.

Rockford: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 615 North Longwood, Rockford, IL 61107, (815) 987-7390 or (TDD) (815) 964-0360.

Rock Island: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4711 44th Street, Suite #3, Rock Island, IL 61201, (309) 786-1263 or (TDD) (309) 786-6460.

Rolling Meadows: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 5340 Keystone Court, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, (708) 253-6200 (Voice or TDD).

Springfield: Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1124 North Walnut Street, Springfield, IL 62702, (217) 782-4830 or (TDD) (217) 782-7825.

REHABILITATION

Blind Service Association

22 West Monroe
11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-2501
(312) 236-0808
FAX: (312) 236-8679
Anna Perlberg, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services to help blind and visually impaired people achieve independence.

Funded by: Private contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-8:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 7 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1924.

Number of Clients Served: 450.

Eligibility: Legal blindness or reading disability.

Area Served: Chicago and five surrounding counties.

Health: Refers for diagnosis and evaluation of eye health.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Self-help and support groups for young adults, seminars, "mid-lifers", job seekers.

Educational: Summer transition programs for high school students; variety of school-year programs for blind and visually impaired students in Chicago public schools.

Reading: Tape recording of college textbooks, professional and business material; one-to-one reading services in organization's

office, consumers' offices (senior citizens' homes subject to volunteer availability).

Recreational: Variety of outings and parties.

Employment: Program of job development and job placement in partnership with *Bridges*, a national, Marriott Foundation-funded program for disabled persons.

Low Vision: Non-medical low vision consultation.

Low Vision Aids: Assistance with ordering, as part of low vision consultation.

Satellite reading programs at suburban public libraries of Skokie, Forest Park, and Glen Ellyn. For the addresses of the satellites, contact the main office.

Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired

625 Adams Street
Rockford, IL 61107
(815) 965-4454
FAX: (815) 965-6023
Greg Petty, Executive Director
Judy Matsuoka, Director of Visually Impaired Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; vocational rehabilitation funds; donations.

Hours of Operation: Thurs.
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM and other hours as needed for low vision clinic.

Area Served: Northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Adults for rehabilitation program; children-adults for low vision clinic.

Health: Agency serves persons for whom visual impairment is the primary disability.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support group for consumers; support group and

activities for parents of visually impaired infants.

Professional Training:

Internships in rehabilitation teaching; rehabilitation counseling specialization.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; communication skills, in center or in clients' homes.

Recreational: Regularly scheduled social/recreational activities for adults with visual disabilities.

Computer Training: Access and training available.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic. On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Hospital
Hines, IL 60141
(708) 216-2272
J. J. Whitehead, Director

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

Central Illinois Sight Center

(formerly Central Illinois Agency for the Visually Impaired)
117 East Washington Street

East Peoria, IL 61611

(309) 698-4001

Orville L. Sauder, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide a broad range of services designed to meet critical, unmet needs of persons throughout central Illinois who are blind or visually impaired.

Funded by: Client fees; grants; donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.- Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 5 full time; 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1986 as outgrowth and expansion of former Central Illinois Low Vision Aids Clinic.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: All of central Illinois without geographic restriction.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Licensed clinical social worker provides assessments; counseling and guidance for individuals or families; support groups; and referral services.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and mobility; independent living services.

Recreational: Games and recreational aids available for purchase.

Low Vision: Clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Aids and appliances center has wide assortment of independent living aids available for demonstration and purchase. Includes electronic aids; health aids; lamps; household, kitchen, and sewing aids; writing aids; large-print bibles and reference books; recreation aids. Low vision clinic recommends and dispenses optical aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided as needed, by phone or in person.

Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874
FAX: (312) 243-8539
Milton J. Samuelson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To create opportunities for blind and visually impaired people, including those who are multiply disabled. To develop programs that maximize the potential for independent living, assist in achieving economic self-support, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Funded by: Fees; United Way; grants; workshop sales; capital income; legacies and bequests; rehabilitation training fees.

Hours of Operation: 8:45 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 115 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Eligibility: Visually impaired. Does not accept persons with uncontrolled seizures.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; prescription of spectacles or aids. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Limited psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons. Programs: birth-3, preschool, vocational skill

development, high school equivalency.

Preschools: Child development program.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision, rehabilitation counseling, special education. In-service training programs. Short-term or summer training. Programs open to enrollment from other agencies.

Rehabilitation: Handwriting; typing; video magnifiers; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Refers for recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; rehabilitation workshop; vocational placement; supported employment. Follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Training available, with focus on employment applications of computer and other sensory aids.

Low Vision: Clinic, 2 satellite programs.

Low Vision Aids: Aids equipment lending program.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults North Central Region Office

35 East Wacker Drive
Suite 772
Chicago, IL 60601-2109
(312) 726-2090 (voice and TDD)
Diane Reeves, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Kagon Home for the Blind

3525 West Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625
(312) 478-7040
Robert Lilberman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit; sheltered care home.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.

Staff: 26 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1944.

Eligibility: Blind or legally blind.

Age Requirements: 17 years and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, family/parent, couple counseling.

Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

Residential: Room and board for blind and visually handicapped 15 years of age and up. Must be ambulatory and continent.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; special programs for elderly.

Mary Bryant Home for the Blind

2960 Stanton
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 529-1611
FAX: (217) 529-6975
Monica J. Lederbrand, Administrator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Residential facility for visually impaired/blind individuals.

Funded by: Dues; donations; resident's income.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 18 full time. Uses volunteers.

Number of Clients Served: 46.

Eligibility: Legally blind; able to care for self.

Area Served: Nationwide.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Professional Training: Regular in-service programs.

Residential: Assisted living for adults.

Recreational: Recreational, religious, and community-service activities and educational programs.

Peoriarea Blind People's Center, Inc.

2905 West Garden Street

Peoria, IL 61605

(309) 637-3693

Janet Brill, Interim Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for visually handicapped of central Illinois.

Funded by: Special events, contributions, United Way, grants, capital income, legacies and bequests, activity fees.

Staff: 3 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1956.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Nutrition class.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Needs assessment; individual and family counseling; support network; peer counseling;

information and referral service to other agencies.

Reading: Parent education; braille; handwriting skills; braille and large print materials; library and radio reader services.

Rehabilitation: Referral services and consultation to other agencies; volunteer opportunities for clients.

Services for Sensory

Accommodations

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Division of Rehabilitation

Education Services

1207 South Oak Street

Champaign, IL 68120

(217) 333-4604

FAX: (217) 333-0248

Paul Leung, Director

Paul Reinert, Supervisor

Mission: To provide technical support to persons who use adapted computer technologies and services for students with disabilities.

Funded by: University of Illinois; private contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 1.5 full-time equivalent. Professionals in physical therapy, recreation, athletics, counseling, and sensory impairment. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Eligibility: Students attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign receive first priority for services.

Age Requirements: School aged; post-secondary school aged; and adults.

Recreational: Bowling; swimming.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books.

Educational: Post-high school.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Referral services; casework; group work; and psychological testing.

Computer Training: Provide computer assessments/evaluations; one-on-one training on adapted computer technologies for individuals who are visually impaired.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Hospital

Hines, IL 60141

(708) 216-2721

J.J. Whitehead, Director, Blind Rehabilitation

Leonard Mowinski, Computer Training

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874
FAX: (312) 243-8539
Emily Byrd, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Equipment loans and employer services also available.

**Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
Bureau of Blind Services**

622 East Washington Street
P.O. Box 19429
Springfield, IL 62794-9429
(217) 785-3887
FAX: (217) 524-1235
Alex J. Jones, Management Systems Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650-2183
(217) 479-4400
FAX: (217) 479-4463
David Hauck, Director, Computer Technology

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen

magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; training for instructors.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Illinois Association of Ophthalmology

95 Trade Street
Aurora, IL 60505
(312) 820-1300
Bernard B. Gawne, Jr., M.D.,
President

Illinois Optometric Association

233 East Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 525-8012 or (800) 933-7289
FAX: (217) 525-8018
Michael G. Horstman, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Central Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Hospital
Hines, IL 60141
(312) 343-7200, ext. 2275
J. J. Whitehead, Director

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.

Eligibility: Legally blind veterans only; ophthalmologic report required.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no fee charged; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview and questionnaire in 3 months; occasionally by return appointment; home visit after 9 months and visit to place of employment.

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Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874

FAX: (312) 243-8539
A. A. Rosenbloom, O.D.
Gerald Fishman, M.D.
Tracy Williams, O.D.
James Kesteloot, Director of Professional Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To create opportunities for blind and visually impaired people, including those who are multiply disabled. To develop and promote programs that maximize the potential for independent living, assist in achieving economic self-support, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri;
hours vary.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry student/resident; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.

History/Date: Est. 1957.

Number of Clients Served: 1991:
More than 1,000.

Eligibility: Prior ophthalmological exam.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available.

Professional Training: Y.

Reading: Y.

Recreational: Referral for services.

Employment: Y.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview in 6 months and return appointment at that time by patient's request; 2-year review questionnaire.

Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation

219 East Cole Avenue
Wheaton, IL 60187

(708) 690-7115

FAX: (708) 690-9037

R. Tracy Williams, Director, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To help people with vision impairments become as independent as possible through comprehensive visual rehabilitation.

Funded by: Client fees, foundation grants, private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 4 full time, 4 part-time counselors; low vision assistants; optometrist; optometry students.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served: 2,200 to date.

Eligibility: Doctor or rehabilitation referral only; current ophthalmology report.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group and family counseling.

Professional Training:
Supervision/training programs in

gerontology, low vision, optometry, social work.

Reading: Large print-books.

Rehabilitation: Training in activities of daily living and use of optical devices.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed/fitted for purchase; refundable deposit; trial period.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

Eye Center Physicians Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center

1725 West Harrison

Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 942-5315

William E. Deutsch, O.D., Director

Funded by: Client fees, state funds, public aid.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.

Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase; prescribed.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

Eye Clinic, Children's Memorial Hospital

2300 Children's Plaza

Chicago, IL 60614

(312) 880-4532

Mark Greenwald, Head, Division of Ophthalmology

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmology residents.

Area Served: Chicago metropolitan area.

Age Requirements: Under 16 years.

Illinois Eye Institute/Illinois College of Optometry

3241 South Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60616

(312) 225-6200

John Rimkus O.D., Chief, Vision Rehabilitation Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Optometric education/patient care.

Funded by: Patient fees; foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Sat. by appointment.

Staff: Low vision specialist optometrists; ophthalmologist; opticians.

History/Date: Est. 1872.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Health: Optometry, ophthalmology, and internal medicine services available on site.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available through affiliated programs.

Computer Training: Large-print computer programs available.

Low Vision: Full variety of low vision services provided.

Low Vision Aids: Wide variety of low vision aids available for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By telephone or in person.

Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute

1151 South Wood Street

Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 996-1508

Derrald Taylor, O.D., M.S.
Debra Jones, Rehabilitation Instructor

Type of Agency: Part of Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Blind Services.

Funded by: State.

Hours of Operation: Thurs. afternoon.

Staff: Optometrist; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility specialist.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Illinois.

**Loyola University Medical Center,
Department of Ophthalmology**

2160 South First Avenue

Maywood, IL 60153

(708) 216-3789

FAX: (708) 216-3557

Lawrence S. Evans, M.D., Ph.D.

Peggy Squires, C.O.A.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides vision aids and training in their use to visually impaired persons and refer patients for advanced services and equipment as necessary.

Funded by: Medical school.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessibility.

Staff: Ophthalmologist.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served: About 120 new patients per year.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Referrals to appropriate local agencies and self-help groups.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**Northwestern Medical Faculty
Foundation**

222 East Superior Street

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 943-4272

Lisa Kowar, O.D., Director, Low Vision

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmology resident/assistant; optometrist; optician.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Loaned at no cost; can be purchased; prescribed; fitted.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

**Veterans Administration West
Side Medical Center
VICTORS Program**

820 South Damen

Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 666-6500

FAX: (312) 633-2148

Thomas R. Stelmack, O.D., Chief,
Optometry Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-
7:00 PM.

Staff: Audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; ophthalmologist; optometrist. One person trained in orientation and mobility and low vision training functions as low vision training specialist, psychologist and medical social worker.

Number of Clients Served: 100 per year.

Eligibility: Visually impaired veterans.

Area Served: Midwest/north central United States.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Social worker, psychologist available.

Professional Training: Teaching program with residents and students.

Rehabilitation: Intensive 5-day inpatient rehabilitation program for partially sighted veterans.

Computer Training: Computer access provided.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: On loan/prescriptions at no charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Illinois Department on Aging

421 East Capitol Avenue

Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 785-2870 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 252-8966 or
Out of State (800) 252-8600

Nancy S. Nelson, Acting Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Illinois Department of
Rehabilitation Services**

623 East Adams Street

P.O. Box 19429

Springfield, IL 62794-9429

(217) 782-2093

Andrey McCrimon, Director

Carol Gortat, Project Director,

(217) 785-3887

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

INDIANA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Indiana Department of Education Division of Special Education

Room 229, State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798
(317) 232-0570
FAX: (317) 232-0589
Sharon Knoth, Consultant, Visually Impaired
Leslie C. Durst, Resource Coordinator for Indiana Educational Resource Center
Peggy Sinclair-Morris, Consultant, Dual Sensory Impaired

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers supplemental state aid for visually impaired children in local public schools. Provides consultation on educational programs. Maintains lending library of braille and large-type textbooks.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 31.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Eligibility: Determined pursuant to P.L. 101-476.

Area Served: Indiana.

Age Requirements: 3 - 21 years.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area, or Sharon Knoth at the above address.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

First Steps

Family and Social Services Administration

402 West Washington Street
E-414
P.O. Box 7083
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083
(317) 232-2429
FAX: (317) 232-7948
Doree Bedwell, Director

Implements a statewide system of early intervention services in Indiana for infants and toddlers (birth through age 2) with delays, disabilities, or at risk of substantial delays, and their families. Provides information and referral to assist in identifying a local referral contact for early intervention services.

SCHOOLS

Indiana School for the Blind

7725 North College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 253-1481
Dr. Michael Bina, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: To ensure that each student enters adulthood adequately prepared for further education, work, and independent living. Has both on- and off-campus programs for school-age residents of the state who have visual impairments.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$7,500,000.

Staff: 250.

History/Date: Est. 1847.

Number of Clients Served: 200 on campus; 1,000 through outreach programs.

Eligibility: School-age residents of the state who are blind and visually impaired.

Area Served: State of Indiana.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0 - 21 years.

Health: General medical, psychiatric, neurological, physical therapy; occupational therapy, dental, low vision services; genetic counseling; ophthalmologic services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Comprehensive services available in meeting student's individual needs.

Educational: Preschool through 12th grade. Programs are adapted per students' individual needs.

Preschools: Consultation and direct services to preschool children and parents.

Residential: Independent and semi-independent living homes are available in addition to dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home economics; independent living.

Recreational: Afterschool programs in bowling, swimming, wrestling, track, cheerleading, scouting, intramural sports, forensics, community activities.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and career preparation training.

Computer Training: Comprehensive program available.

Low Vision: Evaluation, training, and follow-up service.

Low Vision Aids: Aids are available, including training in effective use of them.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Gary Community Public Schools Corporation

Lew Wallace Building, Suite B122
415 West 45th Avenue
Gary, IN 46408
(219) 980-6305
Bashir A. Masoodi, Special Education Coordinator

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Mission: Serve blind and visually impaired children and youths in a mainstream setting.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program, private donations, P.L. 94-142, state funds, and local property taxes.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 12 full time (dually certified teachers and teachers of visually impaired children); 5 paraprofessionals; 3 part time; various specialists available as consultants. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Eligibility: Visually impaired infants, children and youths, with or without other disabilities.

Area Served: Gary School District and nearby communities.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Preschool age - postschool age.

Health: Refers for genetic counseling, immunizations. Blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; student counseling and guidance; family counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Bilingual instruction; home teaching; visually impaired and multiply disabled classes; resource rooms; itinerant program for preschool children, 3-5 years. Provides computer literacy instruction, assistance with regular class subjects.

Preschools: Provides instruction for infants and preschoolers.

Reading: Provides textbooks, educational materials in braille,

large-print, cassette tapes and on computer disks.

Rehabilitation: Refers to rehabilitation agencies.

Recreational: Refers to camps, local recreational facilities; provides adaptive aquatics and recreation.

Employment: Assists students in securing summer and afterschool employment with local businesses. Provides computer training and exposure to technology.

Low Vision: Assessments, opticals, training, and follow-up in cooperation with Indiana University. Each student is evaluated every 3 years and provided with necessary opticals and aids free of charge.

Low Vision Aids: Provides closed-circuit televisions, magnifiers, and other aids for school work.

Consultant services to other programs for visually impaired/multiply disabled infants, 0-3 years and to students ages 3-21, transitional services and vocational and career guidance.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Indiana School for the Blind

7725 North College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 253-1481

Judith Whyte, Contact Person

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1847.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Assessment: Psychoeducational, orientation and mobility, low vision, genetic, computer skills, and preschool assessments.

Consultation to Public Schools: In all academic and skill areas.

Direct Service: In all academic and skill areas, depending upon staff availability.

Parent Assistance: Consultations, direct service, and training.

Materials Production: Braille and large print instructional aids.

Professional Training: Workshops for parents and professionals.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Indiana Educational Resource Center

Indiana School for the Blind

7725 North College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 253-1481, ext. 195

FAX: (317) 251-6511

Leslie C. Durst, Outreach Resource Coordinator

Area Served: State of Indiana.

Groups Served: Students preschool-12th grade.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Large-print, braille, print.

Provides adapted classroom materials to students through a statewide centralized depository.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Bartholomew County Public Library

Fifth at Lafayette
Columbus, IN 47201
(812) 379-1277

Wilma J. Perry, Coordinator

Subregional library.

Blind and Physically Handicapped Services

Elkhart Public Library
300 South Second

Elkhart, IN 46516-3184
(219) 522-2665, ext. 46
Pat Ciancio, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Indiana State Library
Special Services Division**
140 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 232-3684 or toll-free in
Indiana (800) 622-4970 or TDD
(317) 232-7763
FAX: (317) 232-3728
Lissa Shanahan, Librarian

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Primarily
telephone and mail service.

Staff: 14.

History/Date: Est. 1905.

Number of Clients Served:
13,000.

Eligibility: Anyone prevented
from reading a standard print book
due to a visual or physical
disability.

Area Served: Indiana.

Regional library providing talking
books, braille, large-type books,
and cassette books on Indiana
history.

**Northwest Indiana Subregional
Library for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped**
Lake County Public Library
1919 West 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 769-3541, ext. 237 or
(219) 769-3541
Joanne Pansasuk, Coordinator
Subregional library.

Readers' Services Department
Allen County Public Library
P.O. Box 2270

Fort Wayne, IN 46801
(219) 424-7241, ext. 2215
Joyce Misner, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Book Services
Evansville-Vanderburgh County
Public Library
22 Fifth Street
Evansville, IN 47708
(812) 428-8235
Barbara Shanks, Librarian
Subregional library.

TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

**Indiana State Library
Special Services Division**
140 North State Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 232-3684 or (800) 622-4970

Distributor of talking book
machines.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

**Gary Public Schools, V.I.P.
Resource Center**
Lew Wallace Building, Suite B122
415 West 45th Avenue
Gary, IN 46408
(219) 980-6305
Bashir A. Masoodi, Special
Education Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults,
preschoolers.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational, career/vocational,
counseling, career planning.
Media Formats: Braille books,
talking books/cassettes, large-print
books.

Title Listings: Print and braille
lists available.

RADIO READING

**Central Indiana Radio Reading,
Inc.**

Box 110, Jordan Hall
Butler University
Indianapolis, IN 46208
(317) 283-6352
David K. Harold, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-12:15 PM, 4:00 PM-
7:30 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Area Served: 35-40-mile radius
from Indianapolis.

**North Eastern Indiana Radio
Reading Service, Inc. (NEIRRS)**

920 Florence Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
(219) 422-8230
Reid Chapman, Executive Director
Peg Lehrman, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Northeastern
Indiana and small portion of
northwestern Ohio.

**Trade Winds Radio Reading
Service**

1800 East 35th Avenue
Gary, IN 46409
(219) 882-5678
Steven M. Haas, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
4:00 PM-8:00 PM; reading service
on main channel part of the day.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: 30-mile radius from
Gary, plus the cities of Hammond
and East Chicago, Munster,
Highland, Griffith, Lowell, and
Cedar Lake; portions of rural Lake
and Porter counties; and the Illinois
communities of Glenwood and
Lynwood by cable.

WNIN Radio Reading Service

405 Carpenter
Evansville, IN 47708
(812) 423-2973
Dete Hultmark, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Area Served: Tri-state area.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Indiana Society to Prevent Blindness

911 East 86th Street
Suite 102
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 257-2020
FAX: (317) 259-8175
Sue Hetherington, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Christian Mission for the Blind

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Blind and Visually Impaired Section

**Indiana Family and Social Services Administration
Division of Aging and Rehabilitative Services**

Indiana Government Center
402 West Washington Street
P.O. Box 7083

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083
(317) 232-1433

FAX: (317) 232-6478

Bobby Conner, Director, Division of Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To assist Indiana citizens who are blind/visually impaired in achieving vocational and personal independence by providing and supporting coordinated, effective, and efficient services and advocacy statewide.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 30.

History/Date: Est. 1915.

Eligibility: A visual impairment that results in the inability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.

Age Requirements: Employment age.

Health: Public education about visual impairments.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications. (Provided by the Bosma Rehabilitation Center and the Itinerant Rehabilitation Teaching Program).

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational training; vending stand training and placement.

Computer Training: Computer literacy and exposure to technology. Sensory aid assessments to determine and recommend needs of clients for sensory aids for training and/or employment.

Low Vision: Resource and referral services.

Low Vision Follow-up:

Conducted by the Itinerant Rehabilitation Teaching Program at

2, 6, and 12 months to determine effectiveness of prescribed low vision aids.

Local Offices:

Clarksville: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 1452 Vaxter Avenue, P.O. Box 2517, Clarksville, IN 47131, (812) 288-8261.

Evansville: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Evansville Area Office, 2305 West Michigan, Evansville, IN 47712, (812) 425-4545.

Fort Wayne: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Fort Wayne Area Office, 702 Commerce Building, 219 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, (219) 426-9781.

Gary: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Gary Area Office, 504 Broadway, Suite 444, Gary, IN 46402, (219) 881-6746.

Indianapolis: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 2506 Willowbrook Parkway, Suite 320, Indianapolis, IN 46205, (317) 254-6700.

Indianapolis: Bosma Rehabilitation Center, 445 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Indianapolis: Adaptive Technology Lab, 445 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Indianapolis: Randolph-Sheppard Vending Training Program, 445 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Lafayette: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Lafayette Area Office, 323 Columbia Street, Suite 2A, Lafayette, IN 47901-1315, (317) 423-2276.

Muncie: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 201 East Charles Street, Suite 130, Muncie, IN 47305, (317) 282-9863.

South Bend: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, South Bend Area Office, 221 West Wayne Street, South Bend, IN 46601, (219) 232-4861.

REHABILITATION

Allen County League for the Blind, Sight Center

5800 Fairfield Avenue
Suite 210
Fort Wayne, IN 46807
(219) 745-5491
FAX: (219) 745-5491
David A. Nelson, Executive Director
Julie Garshwiler, Program Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Donations and bequests, grants, vocational rehabilitation contracts.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 8 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1950.

Number of Clients Served: 260.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, print impaired.

Area Served: Northeastern Indiana.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual/family counseling; peer support/groups.

Reading: Volunteer reading services; braille transcription; large-print reproduction; cassette duplication.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; low vision technology; computer technology; household management; Job Accommodation Center; information/referral.

Recreational: Sports and social activities organized.

Employment: Job Accommodation Center. Provides technical assistance to employees and employers about the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Computer Training: Individual instruction in speech synthesis, magnification systems, word processing, and databases.

Low Vision: Adaptive/low vision aids for sale or loan.

Bosma Industries for the Blind

3555 Madison Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 784-3225
FAX: (317) 784-3255
Barry Graves, Director

Type of Agency: Manufacturing plant employing blind and visually impaired workers.

Mission: To provide vocational training and employment opportunities to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Funded by: Sale of products, fees for service, and donations.

Budget: \$1,400,000.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 5.

History/Date: State operated 1915-1997; private corporation since 1988.

Number of Clients Served: 45-50 annually.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Indiana.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Educational: Vocational training program.

Employment: Sheltered, transitional, and competitive.

Evansville Association for the Blind, Inc.

500 Second Avenue
P.O. Box 6445
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 422-1181
FAX: (812) 424-3154
Frank E. Kern, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically and emotionally impaired persons.

Funded by: Fees; janitorial product sales; sub-contracts; capital funds; donations; trusts.

Budget: 1993: \$3,502,922.

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 24 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1918; inc. 1923.

Eligibility: Disability and need the Association can meet.

Area Served: Southwestern Indiana, southern Illinois, and western Kentucky.

Health: Refers for some health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

Educational: On-campus college.

Preschools: Referrals to other agencies only.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Regular in-service training programs conducted for staffs of health care facilities.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.

Recreational: Special programs for persons over 55.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand evaluation.

Computer Training: Adaptive technology training as well as short-term vocational skills training.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**Northern Indiana Independent Living Service
ADEC Resources for Independence**

702 Williams Street
Elkhart, IN 46516
(219) 293-7506
FAX: (219) 293-8783
James E. Grice, Executive Director
Cary Kelsey, Department Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind persons. Provides services for school-age children, vocational rehabilitation services for working-age adults, and independent living services for older persons.

Funded by: Fees set by state; grants.

Budget: 1992: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Center-based facility is accessible. Also provide itinerant services in clients' homes or neighborhoods.

Staff: 6 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1968.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 240.

Eligibility: 20/60 or less or field restriction of 20 degrees or less for traditional vocational rehabilitation referral. Newsprint disability for persons served through independent living program.

Area Served: All of northern Indiana for vocational rehabilitation and public school referrals. Elkhart, La Porte, St. Joseph, Marshall, and Kosciusko counties only for independent living program.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Independent living program, age 55 and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation teaching.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

Residential: On-site residential services for youths and adults.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training; low vision training.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; evening activities; beep ball; goal ball.

Employment: Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops. Assists with job development and job coaching for vocational

rehabilitation referrals. Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally impaired, orthopedically disabled, other multiply disabled persons. Programs for vocational skill development.

Computer Training: Computer lab with IBM hardware and various software applications. Voice synthesis zoom text, and screen reader available.

Low Vision: Referrals.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Program for Visually Impaired Adults

Family Service Association

615 North Alabama
Foundation Building, Room 220
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 634-6341
Jacquelin M. Jones, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: United Way; Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis; and private donations.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 2.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Eligibility: Resident of Marion County over 18 years of age; totally blind or legally blind.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; referral to community services.

Educational: Skill development; eye diseases and related topics; information and referral.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work. Short-term training.

Reading: Braille books. Takes applications for Talking Book Division of State Library.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Recreational: Special programs for elderly persons; training in leisure time activities; volunteer opportunities for clients.

Low Vision Aids: Lends aids and appliances.

Trade Winds Rehabilitation Center

5901 West Seventh Avenue
P.O. Box 6308
Gary, IN 46406
(219) 949-4000
FAX: (219) 944-8134
Marianne Ranjelevik, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit vocational rehabilitation.

Mission: To provide traditional and creative rehabilitation services to children and adults with disabilities, and enable person with disabilities to achieve a life of dignity, independence, and social purpose.

Funded by: United Way.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 150.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served: 500 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind; exited school; able to perform basic self-care.

Area Served: Northwest Indiana, especially Lake County.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Small-group therapy.

Educational: Y.

Residential: Y.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; communications;

social services to individual and family.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; work adjustment; vocational placement; workshop program; vocational skills training; supported employment; follow-up services; psychological testing.

Computer Training: Training in use of sensory aids to perform clerical tasks.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

ADEC Resources for Independence

702 Williams Street
Elkhart, IN 46516
(219) 293-7506
FAX: (219) 293-8783
Helen Lee, Contact Person

Computer Training: Speech output systems; word processing.

Also works with spreadsheets, database applications, DOS functions, magnification systems, braille output, Braille 'n Speak. Does on-job-site consultation.

Allen County League for the Blind

5800 Fairfield Avenue
Suite 210
Fort Wayne, IN 46807
(219) 745-5491
FAX: (219) 745-5491
Julie Garshwiler, Program Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Crossroads Rehabilitation Center

4740 Kingsway Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46205
(317) 466-2013

FAX: (317) 466-2000

Thomas Blackman, Manager,
Sensory Aids Technology Center
and Central Indiana Technology
Resource & Information Center

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Equipment loan and demonstration center.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology

5920 Castleway West Drive, Suite 210

Indianapolis, IN 46250

(317) 577-3062

FAX: (317) 577-3061

Joy Newby, Executive Director

Indiana Optometric Association

201 North Illinois Street
Suite 1920

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 237-3560

FAX: (317) 237-3564

Ronald W. Wuensch, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Indianapolis Eye Care Center Indiana School of Optometry

501 Indiana
Suite 100

Indianapolis, IN 46202
(317) 274-8886
FAX: (317) 321-1475
Linda Casser, O.D., Director
Debra McConnaha, Low Vision
Service Chief

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible
to disabled persons.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry
interns; optometric assistant/
technician.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training
provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment within 2-4 weeks.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Choice/Home Care Services Indiana Department of Human Services

251 North Illinois Street
P.O. Box 7083
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083
(317) 232-7020 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 545-7763
Geneva Shedd, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

IOWA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Iowa Department of Education

Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146
(515) 281-4030

FAX: (515) 242-5988

William L. Lepley, Director
Nancy Brees, Administrative
Secretary, Special Education
Division

Ian Stewart, Consultant, Visual
Disabilities

Mission: Administers
supplemental state funds for
visually impaired children
attending local schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Iowa.

Health: Offers psychological
testing and eye health public
education program.

Educational: Provides
consultation on educational
programs.

Reading: Distributes braille and
large-type textbooks, tapes, and
tape recorders.

For information about local
facilities, consult the Bureau of
Special Education of the
Department of Education.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

University of Northern Iowa

133 Schindler Education Center
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0601
(319) 273-3299

FAX: (319) 273-6997

Linda Gleissner, Part H Early
Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

1002 G Avenue
Vinton, IA 52349

(319) 472-5221

FAX: (319) 472-4371

Dennis Thurman, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: To serve Iowa students of
all ability levels who are visually
impaired and to prepare them to
function as independently as
possible in all aspects of adult life.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$3.6 million.

Hours of Operation: Residential
facilities open on weekdays.

Staff: 90 full-time equivalents;
uses volunteers; various therapists
and specialists available as
consultants.

History/Date: Est. 1853.

Number of Clients Served: 65 in
residential program; 350 in
outreach programs.

Eligibility: Blind and partially
sighted students with or without
additional disabilities.

Area Served: Iowa.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5-21 years.

Health: Medical services are
available.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Parent counseling;
consultant services; orientation/
mobility consultation.

Educational: Provides instruction
in all developmental areas. K
through 12th grade; resource
services; educational evaluations.

Preschools: Through outreach
program.

Reading: Large-print materials;
materials loan; and media services.

Residential: Y.

Recreational: Full line of
recreational activities, including

athletics, forensics, music, and
overseas trips.

Employment: Transition planning;
vocational work experience
placements.

Computer Training: Access,
training on computer aids and
devices; state depository for high
technology equipment and learning
aids.

Low Vision: Low vision and
ophthalmology exams available on
consultant or referral basis; low
vision clinics; state vision
consultant.

Low Vision Aids: Provided as part
of the school's low vision clinics.

Low Vision Follow-up: Through
low vision clinics.

Materials and consultant services to
parents of visually impaired
children and to the public schools.

Contact area education agency for
program information.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

1002 G Avenue
Vinton, IA 52349
(319) 472-5221

Ian Stewart, Director, Outreach
Services

Funded by: School funds and state
grants.

Age Requirements: 0-21.

Assessment: Field or center-based
educational and functional skills
assessments and low vision clinics.

Consultation to Public Schools:
Y.

Direct Service: Orientation and
mobility, itinerant teachers, low
vision clinic follow-up.

Parent Assistance: Y.

Materials Production: Large-print,
braille, tactile adaptations.

Professional Training:
Workshops and in-service training.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

1002 G Avenue
Vinton, IA 52349
(319) 472-5221
FAX: (319) 472-4371
Dotta J. Hassman, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2364
(515) 281-1333 or toll-free in Iowa
(800) 362-2587 or TDD (515) 281-1355
FAX: (515) 281-1263
Catherine Ford, Program Manager/Librarian

Type of Agency: Public library.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 26.

History/Date: Est. 1960.

Number of Clients Served: 7,700.

Eligibility: Inability to use standard print with ease because of blindness, visual impairment, physical disabilities, or reading disabilities based on organic dysfunctions.

Area Served: Iowa.

Produces and supplies talking books, braille books, large-type books, talking books and cassette machines.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2364
(515) 281-1333 or TDD (515) 281-1355
FAX: (515) 281-1263
Carol Eckey, Librarian
Karen Paloma, Librarian

Area Served: Iowa.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; career, vocational materials; leisure.

Media Formats: Braille, cassette, recorded disk, large-type, computer disk.

Title Listings: 89,000 titles, catalogs of media and genre available.

RADIO READING

Keystone Radio Information Service

Blair County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

Iowa Department for the Blind
524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 281-7999
Catherine Ford, Program Manager, Library
Michelle Drury, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 3:00 PM-6:00 PM; other hours vary.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Area Served: Metropolitan Des Moines areas.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Iowa Society to Prevent Blindness

1111 Ninth Street, Suite 250
Des Moines, IA 50314
(515) 244-4341
Jeanne Burmeister, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2364
(515) 281-1333 or toll-free in Iowa
(800) 362-2587 or TDD (515) 281-1355
FAX: (515) 281-1263
R. Creig Slayton, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To work with Iowans who are blind in support of their rights and aspirations to participate fully, productively, and equally as first-class citizens with society.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Building and facilities are accessible. Information is provided in alternative media.

Staff: 100 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 10,000.

Eligibility: For most purposes, any Iowan who is considered blind or deaf-blind.

Area Served: Iowa.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral service.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Reader service.

Residential: Adult orientation and adjustment training center.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; industrial arts; home economics; communications; independent living deaf-blindness services; guidance and counseling; training and information.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: As warranted on a case-by-case basis.

Local Offices:

Cedar Rapids: Department for the Blind, 407 Higley Building, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, (319) 365-9111.

Waterloo: Department for the Blind, First National Building, Suite 400, Waterloo, IA 50703, (319) 235-1403.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2364
(515) 281-1309 or TDD (515) 281-1355
FAX: (515) 281-1263
Doris Moritz, Assistive Technology Clerk

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Iowa Optometric Association

5721 Merle Hay Road, Suite 14A
P.O. Box 64
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 278-1697
Virgil Deering, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Low Vision Clinic

**Department of Ophthalmology,
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics**

200 Hawkins Drive
Iowa City, IA 52242
(319) 356-2215
Cathy Mittleberg, Director, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00PM.

Staff: Optometrist, low vision assistant, ophthalmologist, ophthalmology resident, optician, social worker, genetic counselor.

Number of Clients Served: 500/year.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Rehabilitation: Provide counseling for activities of daily living.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and provided for purchase; provides for trial use at no charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointments are given if necessary.

Vision Rehabilitation Institute of Mercy Hospital

1351 West Central Park
Suite 4500

Davenport, IA 52804
(319) 383-1298 or (800) 383-1298
Mark E. Wilkinson, O.D.,
Optometric Director
Cindy Bell, R.N., Low Vision Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: Audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

Area Served: Unlimited; primary areas: eastern Iowa and western Illinois.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counselor/social worker/vocational evaluator, psychiatrist available.

Professional Training: Low vision optometric continuing education for the Iowa Board of Optometry Examiners.

Rehabilitation: Counselors/orientation and mobility instructors available.

Recreational: Programmer/coordinator available.

Computer Training: Access and training provided through VTEK.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Loan/purchase; prescriptions filled.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interviews; mail.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Iowa Department of Elder Affairs

Jewett Building, Suite 236
914 Grand Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50319
(515) 281-5187
Betty Grandquist, Executive
Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Iowa Department for the Blind
524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2364
(515) 281-7986
R. Creig Slayton, Director
Becky Criswell, Project Director,
(515) 281-1299

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

KANSAS

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Kansas State Board of Education Special Education Outcomes Team

120 Southeast Tenth Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1182
(913) 296-3869

Betty Weithers, Team Leader for
Special Education

Type of Agency: A division of the
State Board of Education.

Mission: Administers special
education program in public
schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Area Served: Kansas.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Landon State Office Building
900 S.W. Jackson
Tenth Floor
Topeka, KS 66612-1290
(913) 296-6135

FAX: (913) 296-6231

Marnie Campbell, Part H Early
Childhood Coordinator
Lori Michel, Speech-Language-
Hearing-Vision Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Kansas State School for the Blind

1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 281-3308
FAX: (913) 281-3104

Donald Pickering, Acting
Superintendent
Madeleine Burkindine, Acting
Principal

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To serve all blind and
visually impaired Kansans, aged 0-
21.

Funded by: State of Kansas.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours/
day; receptionist on duty Mon. -
Fri. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully
accessible.

Staff: 93 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1867.

Number of Clients Served: 1992:
425.

Eligibility: Visually impaired,
blind, deaf-blind, emotionally
disturbed, learning disabled,
mentally disabled, and
orthopedically disabled persons
whose visual condition interferes
with education.

Area Served: State of Kansas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0 to 21 years.

Health: General medical services.
Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Psychological testing,
licensed clinical social work, and
evaluation; individual, group,
family/parent, counseling; referral
to community services. Refers and
provides consultation to other
agencies for other counseling/
social work services.

Educational: Placement in school,
preschool through 12; programs for
college prep, general academic,
vocational/skill development.

Preschools: 0 - 5 years.

Professional Training:
Internships/fieldwork placement in
industrial arts, low vision,
orientation/mobility, rehabilitation

counseling, social work, special
education. Regular in-service
training programs and short-term
or summer training programs, open
to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Braille instructor.

Residential: Dormitories.

Recreational: Afterschool
programs; arts and crafts; hobby
groups; bowling; swimming; track;
wrestling; goal ball. Provides
consultation to other agencies for
some recreation services.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; career and skill
development; refers for vocational
placement, follow-up service.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices.

Low Vision: Provided statewide
through contract with Kansas
University Medical Center.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
educational needs.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided
by school staff.

Contact local school
superintendent for program
availability or Donald Pickering,
Acting Superintendent.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Early Education Center Training and Evaluation Center of Hutchinson

303 East Bigger
P.O. Box 399
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0399
(316) 663-2671 or (316) 663-1596
FAX: (316) 663-1293
Maurice F. Cummings, President/
CEO
Deborah Kraus-Voth, Early
Education Director

Type of Agency: Cooperative
public-private education program.

Mission: To integrate disabled
persons into society in the least
restrictive manner, providing

programs in preschool, residential, and employment deployment.

Funded by: P.L. 100-297 monies, private donations, state educational funds, United Way, county mill levy, P.L. 99-457.

Budget: \$1.1 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 11 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: 250 children with disabilities or at risk; 64 age-appropriate children.

Eligibility: Twenty-five percent developed on 1.5 SD below mean in one area of development; specific diagnosis.

Area Served: Reno County school districts.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment. Hearing tests, other support services available on referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling and social work.

Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Home-based program for visually impaired and other disabled infants, 0-3 years. Multiply disabled and noncategorical classes, consultant services to other programs for 3-5 year olds in an integrated, community-based setting.

Low Vision: Exams.

Kansas State School for the Blind

1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 281-3308
FAX: (913) 281-3104

Donald Pickering, Acting Superintendent
Raylene Heitman, Program Coordinator, Donald R. Lamb Preschool
Lynn Nelson, Director, Wyandotte Developmental Preschool

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide an education in the broadest sense for students so that they may become independent and informed citizens, able to assume full responsibilities in their communities.

Funded by: P.L. 100-297 monies and state funds.

Budget: 1993: \$3 million.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours.

Staff: 95 full time (includes teachers of visually impaired and severely disabled children, occupational therapist, orientation/mobility specialist), 6 part time, other disciplines available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

History/Date: Est. 1867.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 400.

Eligibility: Kansas residents, 0-5 years of age who are visually impaired or blind.

Area Served: State of Kansas.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Adaptive equipment. Immunizations and blood tests available on referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Weekly social skills groups, individual and family counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based and on-site programs. Classes for visually impaired multiply impaired students.

Low Vision: Exams.

Tri-Valley Developmental Preschool

208 West Tenth Street
Fort Scott, KS 66701
(316) 223-5029
Janice Armour, Director/Teacher

Type of Agency: Interagency cooperative program, public school and private agency.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, private donations, state funds, United Way, county mill levy.

Staff: 3 full time; psychologist, various therapists, orientation/mobility specialist available on consultation basis. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

Area Served: Bourbon County, but will accept children from other areas.

Age Requirements: 2-5 years old.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: Home teaching, and noncategorical classes for visually impaired children and those with other disabilities. Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Orientation/mobility and various related services available on referral basis.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Kansas State School for the Blind

1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 281-3308
Virgene Martin, Contact Person

Consultation to Public Schools: Itinerant services provided by teacher for visually impaired students who work with school districts in the western part of the state.

Materials Production: Maintains resource center for textbooks and library books for loan to schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Kansas Instructional Resource Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 281-3308 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 572-5463
FAX: (913) 281-3104
Jacqueline Denk, Coordinator

Area Served: Kansas.

Groups Served: K-12; ages 0-21.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational books, educational
aids.

Media Formats: Braille books;
large-print books; cassettes.

Title Listings: No listings
available.

Coordinates, catalogs, produces,
stores, and distributes educational
materials needed by blind and
visually impaired children. Also
provides information and support
for teachers. Was previously the
Wichita Regional Library for the
Blind and Visually Impaired.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Kansas City, Kansas Public Library

Kansas Braille Library

625 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 621-3073, ext. 228 or toll-free
in Kansas (800) 279-6645
FAX: (913) 621-0963
Joan Gandert, Librarian

Subregional library lending braille
materials only.

Kansas Talking Book Service Kansas State Library

Emporia State University
Memorial Union
1200 Commercial
Emporia, KS 66801
(316) 343-7124 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 362-0699

Type of Agency: Library for the
blind and physically disabled.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM -
5:00 PM.

Eligibility: Anyone who, because
of a physical disability, is unable to
use normal print.

Area Served: Kansas.

Provides talking books on cassettes,
records and braille.

Manhattan Public Library

Juliette and Poyntz Streets
Manhattan, KS 66502
(913) 776-4741 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 432-2796
FAX: (913) 776-1545
Marion Rice, Librarian

Subregional library.

Northwest Kansas Library System Talking Books

P.O. Box 446
Norton, KS 67654
(913) 877-5148 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 432-2858
FAX: (913) 877-5697
Clarice Howard, Librarian

Subregional library.

South Central Kansas Library System

Talking Book Division

901 North Main Street
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(316) 663-5441 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 234-0529
FAX: (316) 663-1215
Karen Socha, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Books

Topeka Public Library
1515 West Tenth Street
Topeka, KS 66604
(913) 233-2040 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 432-2925 or
(913) 233-3277
FAX: (913) 233-2055
Suzanne Bundy, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Books Department

Wichita Public Library
223 South Main
Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 262-0611 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 362-2869 or TDD
(316) 262-3972
FAX: (316) 262-2552
Betty C. Spriggs, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Book Service Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1409 Williams
Great Bend, KS 67530
(316) 792-2393 or toll-free in
Kansas (800) 362-2642
FAX: (316) 792-5495
Juanita Doll, Librarian

Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

American Red Cross Midway-Kansas Chapter

707 North Main
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 683-6706
FAX: (316) 268-0888
Von E. Eulert, Chairperson, Braille
Service

Groups Served: K-12; college
students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Available on request.

Braille Association of Kansas

P.O. Box 17032

Wichita, KS 67217

(316) 522-6921

Mary Ann Oblinger, Workshop Manager

Area Served: Sedgwick County and surrounding counties; will do work for outside areas, time and volunteers permitting.

Groups Served: All ages.

Media Formats: Braille or taped (cassette) material.

Kansas Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2516 S.W. Sixth Street

Topeka, KS 66606-1703

(913) 296-3311

Groups Served: College students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Audio Reader of Cloud County

P.O. Box 629

Concordia, KS 66901

(913) 243-1414

Wendall Wilson, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM; Sun. 7:00 AM-11:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1954.

Area Served: North central Kansas.

Kansas Audio-Reader Network

University of Kansas

P.O. Box 847

Lawrence, KS 66044

(913) 864-4600

Janet Campbell, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Area Served: Kansas and Western Missouri.

KANZ Audio-Reader Service

P.O. Box 57

Pierceville, KS 67868

(316) 335-5120

Dale Bolton, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM; Sat. 7:00 AM - 1:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: Western Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Reading Radio Service

815 North Walnut

Suite 300

Hutchinson, KS 67501

(316) 665-3555

Teresa Short, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sat.-Sun. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: 80-mile radius from Hutchinson.

University of Kansas Audio Reader Network

P.O. Box 847

Lawrence, KS 66044

(913) 864-4600

Rosie Hurwitz, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 24 hours a day; sign off midnight Sun. to 6:00 AM Mon.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Area Served: 65-mile radius from Lawrence (northeast Kansas), which includes greater Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area, and Topeka area, 35-mile radius from Concordia (north central), 65-mile radius from Hutchinson, 65-mile radius from Garden City (southwest Kansas), 65-mile radius from Hill City (northwest Kansas), plus cable systems in various parts of state.

Wichita Radio Reading Service

1751 North Fairmount

Wichita, KS 67208

(316) 682-9121

Joan Freund, Program Supervisor

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: 60-mile radius centered on Wichita, covering south central Kansas.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Kansas Division of Services for the Blind

300 S.W. Oakley

Topeka, KS 66606

(913) 296-4454

Richard A. Schutz, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.

Funded by: State and federal tax funds.

Staff: 59 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1937.

Eligibility: Blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind persons.

Area Served: Kansas.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Contracts for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; vocational evaluation; counseling, individual, family/parent; placement in training. Contracts, refers for, provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling. Regular training programs open to other agencies.

Residential: Dormitory for adults at Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; bowling; swimming. Refers and provides consultation for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

Field Offices:

Chanute: 1500 West Seventh Street, P.O. Box 708, Chanute, KS 66720, (316) 431-7100.

Garden City: 2701 North Eleventh Street, Garden City, KS 67846, (316) 275-0271.

Hays: 3000 Broadway, P.O. Box 549, Hays, KS 67601, (913) 628-1066.

Kansas City: 818 Gateway II Building, Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 371-6700.

Manhattan: 327 Colorado, P.O. Box 1263, Manhattan, KS 66502, (913) 776-4011.

Salina: Graves Building, 2130 South Ohio, P.O. Box 6200, Salina, KS 67401, (913) 825-8111.

Topeka: 235 Kansas Avenue, P.O. Box 1224, Topeka, KS 66601, (913) 296-4424.

Wichita: 3244 East Douglas, P.O. Box 518, Wichita, KS 67201, (316) 651-5230.

Local Offices:

Topeka: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2516 S.W. Sixth Street, Topeka, KS 66606, (913) 296-3311.

Topeka: Kansas Industries for the Blind, 425 MacVicar, Topeka, KS 66606, (913) 296-3211.

REHABILITATION

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Great Plains Region Office

5920 Nall Avenue
Suite 311
Mission, KS 66202-3456
(913) 677-4562 (voice and TDD)
Beth A. Jordan, Regional Representative.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Kansas Industries for the Blind

425 MacVicar Street
Topeka, KS 66606
(913) 296-3211
FAX: (913) 296-0728
Harry W. Lawrence, General Manager

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Serve totally blind, visually impaired, and blind multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: Fees, product sales (government contracts, public and private sales).

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 10 full time.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Health: Sets eye and doctors' appointments. Provides transportation to these appointments if needed.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; placement in training.

Employment: Sheltered workshop with job training experience outside the workshop; job placement; employment transition program; vocational evaluation; follow-up service; retraining or additional training once in work force.

Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind

801 East Lincoln
Wichita, KS 67211
(316) 267-2244
FAX: (316) 267-4312
Linda Merrill, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To meet the needs of people whose primary disability is legal or total blindness and who desire greater independence.

Funded by: Sales and contributions.

Budget: \$6,000,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 16 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1932.

Number of Clients Served: 1,234.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, cerebral palsy. Preference given to

visual impairment over other disabilities.

Area Served: Kansas and surrounding areas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides referrals to community services.

Rehabilitation: Vocational training.

Employment: Occupational skill development; sheltered workshops.

Local Offices:

Kansas City: Industries for the Blind, 925 Sunshine Road, Kansas City, KS 66115, (913) 281-0710, FAX (913) 281-2450, John W. Donaldson, Plant Manager.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Kansas Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2516 S.W. Sixth Street
Topeka, KS 66606-1703
(913) 296-3311
Ann Byinston, Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Special Education Technology Center

2000 South Lindenwood
Olathe, KS 66062
(913) 780-7679
FAX: (913) 780-8007
J. Daniel Magrone, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille

access systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Kansas Specialty Dog Service

124 West Seventh
P.O. Box 216
Washington, KS 66968
(913) 325-2256
FAX: (913) 325-2258
Bill Acree

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Canine assistance; guide dogs for blind and visually impaired persons; service dogs for physically disabled persons.

Funded by: Charitable contributions and donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 7.

History/Date: Est. 1990.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 16.

Area Served: Primarily Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota. Other states served, as needed.

Age Requirements: Children and adults considered.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Kansas State Ophthalmological Society

835 S.W. Topeka Avenue
Suite B
P.O. Box 4842
Topeka, KS 66604
(913) 234-9702
FAX: (913) 234-3189
Rebecca S. Rice, Executive Director

Kansas Optometric Association

400 Kansas Avenue, Suite A
Topeka, KS 66603
(913) 232-0225
Gary Robbins, C.A.E.

LOW VISION CENTERS

Kansas Eye Center

University of Kansas Medical Center

Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

3901 Rainbow Boulevard
Kansas City, KS 66160-7379
(913) 588-6609
FAX: (913) 588-6615
Joseph Maino, O.D., Director, Low Vision Rehabilitation Service
Robert Carty, O.D., Low Vision Specialist
Janette E. Sanders-Reh, Patient Counselor

Type of Agency: Medical facility.

Mission: To help low vision patients live with visual impairment more successfully.

Funded by: Client fees and state funds.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; optician; rehabilitation counselor.

Number of Clients Served: 8-10 weekly.

Eligibility: Referral by ophthalmologist, optometrist, or agency with medical report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Referral to appropriate agencies.

Reading: Training in use of hand-held aids and closed-circuit televisions.

Rehabilitation: Referral to state agencies.

Recreational: Referral to state agencies.

Employment: Assist patient to obtain employment aids by referral to state agencies.

Computer Training: Evaluation only; training is performed in state agencies.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; limited trial loan of some aids available; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment or telephone, as needed.

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

Kansas Low Vision Clinic

801 East Lincoln
Wichita, KS 67211
(316) 267-6646

Patrick Pirotte, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; Lions Club; Delta Gamma Sorority.

Hours of Operation: Wed. 8 AM-3:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; social worker; referral to ophthalmologist, orientation/mobility instructor, rehabilitation teacher, rehabilitation counselor.

Eligibility: Referral only.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Kansas Department on Aging

Docking State Office Building 122S
915 S.W. Harrison
Topeka, KS 66612-1500
(913) 296-4986 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 432-3535
Joanne Hurst, Secretary

KENTUCKY

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Kentucky Department of Education Division of Exceptional Children Services

500 Mero Street
Capital Plaza Towers, Room 805
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-4970
Theodore D. Drain, Director

Type of Agency: A division of the Department of Education.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Kentucky.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Services for parents, local agencies, and schools on educational programs.

Educational: Assists school personnel in appraising the needs of visually handicapped children and in developing the appropriate education programs for these children.

Professional Training: Conducts in-service training for teachers.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Infant-Toddler Program Kentucky Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services

275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621
(502) 564-7700
FAX: (502) 564-3844
Jim Henson, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Deaf-Blind Intervention Program

229 Taylor Education Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0001
(606) 257-7909
Jennifer Leatherby, State Coordinator for Services to Deaf-Blind Children
Diane Hayes, Early Childhood Consultant
Sandi Baker, Curriculum Consultant
Marie Ruf, Transition Consultant

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provide consultation and technical assistance to families of and educational programs for visually impaired/multiply disabled and deaf-blind children.

Funded by: Title VI-C.

Staff: 3 full time, 1 part time. Various therapists, medical specialists, teachers of visually impaired children, orientation/mobility specialists available as consultants. Advisory board with parent members.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Kentucky.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Educational: Intensive consultant services for early childhood and transition-age students.

Professional Training: Faculty seminars; summer institute.

Local Offices:

Louisville: Deaf-Blind Intervention Program, Kentucky School for the Blind, 1867 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206, (502) 897-1583.

A wide variety of services and instruction delivered on consultant or referral basis. Training is delivered on site.

Kentucky School for the Blind

1867 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6005
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 897-1583
Will D. Evans, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Administers the American Printing House for the Blind federal quota system for local public and private schools in Kentucky.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 49 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1842.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired school-age children who are residents of Kentucky.

Health: General care.

Educational: K through 12.

Professional Training: Fieldwork opportunities.

Reading: Lends braille and large-print textbooks and educational aids to Kentucky school districts that serve blind and visually impaired students.

Residential: Supervised living areas for students.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; independent living; job skills; transition activities.

Recreational: Afterschool and weekend activities. Leisure counseling and training in recreational skills.

Provides consultations, technical assistance and educational assessments for local schools in Kentucky.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS)

1215 South Third Street

Louisville, KY 40203
(502) 636-3207
FAX: (502) 636-0024
Sharon Bensinger, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To offer appropriate services to visually impaired children from birth to school age and their families; to maximize each child's developmental potential through direct services, advocacy and community education.

Funded by: Private donations, local fundraising efforts.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 10 full time, 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Area Served: 50-mile radius of Louisville (including southern Indiana). VIPS-Central Kentucky services Lexington and surrounding counties and VIPS-Martin serves a 30 mile radius of Martin-Prestonsburg.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Educational: Parent/infant classes; in-home early intervention; day care/preschool consultation; parent support group; bi-monthly parent newsletter.

Recreational: Family retreat weekend; summer day camp. Consultant services to other programs also available throughout Kentucky on a limited basis.

Local Offices:

Lexington: VIPS-Central Kentucky, 343 Walter Avenue, #303, Lexington, KY 40504, (606) 254-5519.

Martin: VIPS-Martin, P.O. Box 1119, Martin, KY 41649, (606) 285-9409.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Kentucky School for the Blind

1867 Frankfurt Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 897-1583
Barbara Bunuan, Contact Person

Age Requirements: 0-21.

Assessment: Conducted according to the needs of the individual student.

Consultation to Public Schools: Available statewide.

Parent Assistance: Counseling services available. Parent resource center and annual conference.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center

1867 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 897-1583, ext. 213
FAX: (502) 897-1583
Adam Ruschival, Manager

Area Served: State of Kentucky.

Groups Served: K-12, adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks and other instructional materials.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Louisville School of Education

Department of Special Education
Louisville, KY 40292
Dr. Sheri B. Moore, Coordinator,
Visual Impairment Program,
(502) 588-6421

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral)

programs for teachers of visually impaired students.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Kentucky Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 Coffee Tree Road
P.O. Box 818
Frankfort, KY 40602
(502) 875-7000 or toll-free in
Kentucky (800) 372-2968
FAX: (502) 564-5773
Richard Feindel, Librarian

Mission: Provides books and magazines recorded on tapes and records and in braille.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$320,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 10.5 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1968.

Number of Clients Served: 5,500.

Eligibility: Print handicapped (blind; physically handicapped and unable to hold a book or turn its pages; or learning disabled).

Area Served: Kentucky.

Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library

502 Scott Street
Covington, KY 41011
(606) 491-7610
Alice Manchikes, Librarian

Subregional library.

Talking Book Library

Louisville Free Public Library
301 West York Street

Louisville, KY 40203
 (502) 561-8625 or TDD (502) 561-8621
 FAX: (502) 561-8657
 Maxine Harris, Librarian
 Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Jefferson County Public Schools
 P.O. Box 34020
 Louisville, KY 40232-4020
 (502) 473-3011
 Jan Moseley, Specialist, Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Lexington Educational Aids Workshop, Inc.

336 Lexington Avenue
 Lexington, KY 40508
 (606) 252-3021
 Noi Doyle, Director

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Owensboro Recording Unit

450 Griffith Avenue
 Owensboro, KY 42301
 (502) 684-0212
 FAX: (502) 685-0914
 Liz Gray, Coordinator

Area Served: Initial recordings accepted only from within the state of Kentucky. Books already in our library may be available to anyone qualifying for the service.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Recording for the Blind

240 Haldeman Avenue
 Louisville, KY 40206
 (502) 895-9068

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

University of Louisville
 205 Strickler Hall, Belknap Campus
 Louisville, KY 40292
 (502) 588-5856

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

RADIO READING

Central Kentucky Radio Eye

1541 Beacon Hill
 Lexington, KY 40504
 (606) 257-2702
 Al Crabb, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.

History/Date: Est. 1990.

Area Served: Central Kentucky.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Kentucky Society to Prevent Blindness

101 West Chestnut Street
 Louisville, KY 40202
 (502) 584-6127
 FAX: (502) 584-7422
 JoAnne Hohman, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Eastern Kentucky Affiliate

HC 71, Box 363
 Jeremiah, KY 41826
 (606) 633-5498
 Hassie Helton, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Printing House for the Blind

Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired

National Association to Preserve the Use of Braille

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Kentucky Department for the Blind

427 Versailles Road
 Frankfort, KY 40601
 (502) 564-4754
 FAX: (502) 564-3976
 Priscilla Rogers, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide services to persons with visual impairments that will improve their opportunities to become more independent and productive in the community and workplace.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$10,300,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 129 full time, 47 part time.

Number of Clients Served: 1,600.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Kentucky.

Age Requirements: 16 and older for job placement; any age for independent living services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Rehabilitation counseling staff.

Residential: Rehabilitation center.

Rehabilitation: Aids and mobility training.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Available for purchase.

Low Vision Aids: Available for purchase.

Local Offices:

Ashland: Department for the Blind, 1405 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101, (606) 329-9776.

Berea: Center for Independent Living, 204 Richmond Road, Berea, KY 40403, (606) 986-2721.

Bowling Green: Center for Independent Living, 604 Fairview Court, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Bowling Green: Department for the Blind, Suite 300, Fairview Court, Bowling Green, KY 42104, (502) 843-5479.

Elizabethtown: Department for the Blind, 409 North Miles Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, (502) 769-6891.

Florence: Department for the Blind, 7410 U.S. 42, Suite 112, Florence, KY 41042, (606) 371-3380.

Lexington: Department for the Blind, 153 Patchen Drive 21, Lexington, KY 40506, (606) 269-9648.

Louisville: Center for Independent Living, 620 South Third Street, Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 588-3143 or (800) 346-2115 (tollfree).

Louisville: Department for the Blind, 201 Breckinridge Lane, Suite 201, Louisville, KY 40207, (502) 897-9475.

Mt. Sterling: Center for Independent Living, High & North Maysville Street, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353, (606) 498-6651.

Murray: Center for Independent Living, 104 North Fifth Street, Suite 203, Murray, KY 42071, (502) 759-9227.

Owensboro: Department for the Blind, 311 West Second Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, (502) 686-3306.

Paducah: Department for the Blind, 220 North Eighth Street, Paducah, KY 42001, (502) 444-8315.

Prestonsburg: Department for the Blind, 1300 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 42501, (606) 886-0474.

Somerset: Department for the Blind, 310 Sallee Street, Somerset, KY 42501, (606) 679-3863.

REHABILITATION

Kentucky Industries for the Blind

1900 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 893-0211
FAX: (502) 893-3885
Robert A. Bird, Director

Type of Agency: A division of Kentucky Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind.

Mission: To provide training and long-term employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired residents of Kentucky.

Funded by: Workshop sales and fees.

Budget: \$1,500,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: In compliance with ADA guidelines.

Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1918.

Number of Clients Served: 35-50 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Kentucky.

Age Requirements: 18 and above.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provided by Division of Client Services.

Employment: Sub-assembly trainees, janitorial training and outplacement, and sheltered employment in a factory setting.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Assistive Technology Services Kentucky Department for the Blind

Workforce Development Cabinet

Legal Arts Building
200 South Seventh Street
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 588-4861

Daniel K. Creasy, Manager

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Kentucky Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
P.O. Box 1690

Lexington, KY 40592
 (606) 254-3412
 FAX: (606) 288-4347
 Judith Taylor, Executive Director

Kentucky Optometric Association
 P. O. Box 572
 219 St. Clair
 Frankfort, KY 40602
 (502) 875-3516
 Darlene Eakin, CAE, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Kentucky Clinic
University of Kentucky
Department of Ophthalmology
 Chandler Medical Center
 Lexington, KY 40536-0284
 (606) 233-6649 or (606) 233-5867
 Barbara T. King, O.D., Director,
 Low Vision Service, Department of
 Ophthalmology

Type of Agency: Ophthalmology clinic.

Funded by: Client fees, state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; ophthalmic technicians.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 5-10 patients weekly.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

Low Vision Aids Clinic
Kentucky Lions Eye Research Institute
University of Louisville
Department of Ophthalmology
 301 East Muhammad Ali Boulevard

Louisville, KY 40202
 (502) 588-5466
 FAX: (502) 588-7298
 Arthur H. Keeney, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology

Type of Agency: Ophthalmology clinic.

Mission: Direct service to visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Client fees, state funds.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only through the Eye Clinic. Fri. afternoon, except holidays.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident. Optician available locally.

Number of Clients Served: 6 per afternoon.

Eligibility: Referral from eye care specialist or state agency.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: Generally do not serve infants.

Professional Training: For residents and ophthalmic technicians.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for demonstration; procured for patient at cost.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed by patient.

Low Vision Service of Jessamine Optometric Association

506 North Main Street
 Nicholasville, KY 40356
 (606) 887-2441
 FAX: (606) 885-3323
 John E. Musick, O.D., F.A.A.O., Clinical Director

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling available.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation counselor and orientation/mobility instructor available.

Low Vision: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Lend/purchase; sold at cost. Prescriptions filled.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Local Offices:

Louisville: Louisville Retina Association, 224 East Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 589-1500.

Low Vision Services of Kentucky

120 North Eagle Creek, Suite 501
 Lexington, KY 40509
 (606) 263-3757
 FAX: (606) 263-3757
 William J. Wood, M.D., Clinical Director
 Rick D. Isernhagen, Clinical Director
 Leslie W. Cornett, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant/specialist; registered nurse. Available for consultation or referral: social worker, rehabilitation counselor, audiologist.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Eligibility: Ophthalmology/optometry referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for evaluation and loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment or home visit as necessary.

◆ *Aging Services*

STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Aging Services
Cabinet for Human Resources**

CHR Building, Sixth West
275 East Main Street
Frankfurt, KY 40621
(502) 564-6930 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 372-2973
Sue Tuttle, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

LOUISIANA

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Louisiana Learning Resources System

Louisiana State Department of Education

2758-C Brightside Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70820-3507
(504) 765-2417

Dwayne Fontenot, Director
Dr. Tama Luther, State Director

Mission: Provides consultation on educational services to local schools and agencies. Acts as a clearinghouse and depository for large print and braille textbooks for visually impaired and blind students in Louisiana. Maintains additional instructional materials for all exceptionalities.

Area Served: Louisiana.

For further information, contact Office of Special Education Services, Louisiana State Department of Education, P.O. Box 94064, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064, (514) 342-6118, Joyce E. Russo, Supervisor of Visually Impaired Services.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Preschool Programs Office of Special Education Services

Louisiana Department of Education

P.O. Box 94064

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064
(504) 342-1837 or (504) 342-3491
FAX: (504) 342-5800

Susan Batson, Education Section Administrator

State administration of early intervention and early childhood special education programs. Also provides in-service training and technical assistance programs to school systems, parent organizations, and any other public or private agencies.

SCHOOLS

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

1120 Government Street
P.O. Box 4328
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328
(504) 342-4727

FAX: (504) 342-1885
Richard N. Day, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind and legally blind.

Funded by: State.

Budget: \$3.4 million.

Staff: 90 full time; 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1897.

Number of Clients Served: 70.

Eligibility: Educable, ambulatory, legally blind, resident of Louisiana, under 22 years.

Area Served: Statewide.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general

academic; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Limited to daily commuters.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; modified football; softball; tandem biking.

Employment: Career and skill counseling.

Computer Training: Required for all students.

Low Vision: Biweekly on-site clinic.

Low Vision Aids: As needed.

Low Vision Follow-up: Not less than annual.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Special School District #1, Louisiana State Department of Education, P.O. Box 94064, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (504) 342-1508.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

1120 Government Street
P.O. Box 4328

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328
 (504) 342-4756 or (504) 342-5144
 FAX: (504) 342-1885
 Mitzi Jones, Director of Support
 and Field Services
 Warren Figueiredo, Coordinator,
 Resource Center

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1897.

Age Requirements: Under 22
 years.

Assessment: Statewide by LEA
 referral.

Consultation to Public Schools:
 On request.

Direct Service: Limited.

Parent Assistance: Limited.

Materials Production: As
 necessary.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Louisiana Learning Resources System

Louisiana State Department of Education

2758-C Brightside Lane
 Baton Rouge, LA 70820-3507
 (504) 765-2417
 Dwayne Fontenot, Director

Area Served: Louisiana.

Groups Served: Blind and visually
 impaired students.

Media Formats: Large-print and
 braille textbooks.

Acts as clearinghouse and
 depository for large-print and
 braille textbooks. Maintains
 additional instructional materials.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Louisiana State Library, Section for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

760 Riverside North
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5232
 (504) 342-4944 or (504) 342-4943
 FAX: (504) 342-3547
 Jennifer Anjier, Librarian
 Michael Acosta, Machine Lending
 Information

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1958.

Area Served: Louisiana.

Regional library supplying talking
 books, braille, large type books,
 cassettes, and play-back
 equipment.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

1120 Government Street
 P.O. Box 4328
 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328
 (504) 342-4727
 FAX: (504) 342-1885
 Richard N. Day, Superintendent

Area Served: Statewide.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
 recreational; career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books;
 talking books/cassettes; large-print
 books.

Title Listings: No title listings
 available.

RADIO READING

WRBH-FM/Radio for the Blind
 5926 South Front Street

New Orleans, LA 70115
 (504) 899-1144
 Cathy Jacob-Jaffrey, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
 6:00 AM-1:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Area Served: 75-mile radius from
 New Orleans.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Louisiana Council of the Blind

1894 Dallas Drive
 Suite B
 Baton Rouge, LA 70806
 (504) 925-1635
 Vernon Daigle, Contact Person

Type of Agency: Non-profit
 consumer organization.

Mission: Provides information in
 braille and large-print and on
 cassette to the visually impaired
 population on matters affecting this
 segment of the population.

Provides information on aids and
 appliances. Makes other
 appropriate referrals.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Central Time.

Staff: 1.

Number of Clients Served: 1991:
 Almost 7,000 contacts made.

Eligibility: All visually impaired.

Area Served: Louisiana.

Age Requirements: 18 years or
 older.

Members are available to discuss
 common problems of visual
 impairment.

See also in national listings:

Contact Lens Association of
 Ophthalmologists

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

8225 Florida Boulevard
P.O. Box 94371
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9371
(504) 925-4131
FAX: (504) 925-4184
May Nelson, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide opportunities for employment and independence to individuals with handicapping disabilities through vocational and other rehabilitation services.

Funded by: State funds; federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 470 full-time staff; 17 counselors for the blind.

Eligibility: The presence of a physical and/or mental disability that constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment; and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation services will benefit the individual in terms of employability.

Area Served: Louisiana.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Based on the eligibility criteria an individual would need to be at or near an age that such services in a reasonable time frame would render the individual employable.

Health: Preliminary diagnostic evaluation; some physical restoration and surgical procedures based on the agency guidelines; and other health services as needed and allowable under agency guidelines health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community

services; contracts for other counseling/social work; independent living services.

Educational: Assistance with college training; work and other training programs as appropriate.

Professional Training: Vending facility programs, on-the-job training, on-site training and job coaching.

Reading: Aids can be provided for eligible clients if aids are determined necessary.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; orientation/mobility; teaching in client's home and community. Contracts for other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational training; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

Computer Training: Training, aids and devices provided for eligible clients if assistance is determined necessary.

Low Vision: Services purchased for the client if need is determined.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for eligible clients if prescribed.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided for eligible clients if prescribed.

Local Offices:

Alexandria: 900 Murray Street, Room H-100, Alexandria, LA 71301-7699, (318) 487-5335.

Baton Rouge: 2097 Beaumont Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (504) 925-4985.

Hammond: West Park Professional Building, 1200 Derek Drive, Suite 200, Hammond, LA 70403-5763, (504) 549-3843.

Houma: P.O. Box Drawer 469, Houma, LA 70361, (504) 857-3652.

Lafayette: 825 Kaliste Saloom Road, Building VI, Suite 350, Lafayette, LA 70508, (318) 265-5353.

Lake Charles: 4016 Avenue F, Lake Charles, LA 70601-5174, (318) 491-2611.

Monroe: 122 St. John Street, State Office Building, Third Floor, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 362-3232.

New Orleans: 2026 St. Charles Street, Second Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130-5300, (504) 568-8815.

Shreveport: 1525 Fairfield Avenue, 708 State Office Building, Shreveport, LA 71101-4388, (318) 226-7155.

REHABILITATION

Family Service Society

2515 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119
(504) 822-0800
Robert R. Quintana, Executive Director

Funded by: United Way, fees and endowment.

History/Date: Est. 1896.

Area Served: Metropolitan area of greater New Orleans.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides counseling; evaluates needs of families of blind children for service.

Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans

123 State Street
New Orleans, LA 70118
(504) 899-4501
Mr. Regis Barber, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To enable blind and visually impaired persons to maintain and achieve independence through employment, rehabilitation, services, and recreation activities.

Funded by: Contributions, workshop sales, sub-contracts and endowment.

Budget: 1992: \$3.9 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:45 AM-4:15 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Architecturally barrier free.

Staff: 16 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1913.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Greater New Orleans and surrounding area.

Age Requirements: Except for STARC program (teens), minimum age is 18.

Health: Eye health public education program.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Consultation and referral services.

Rehabilitation: Adjustment-to-blindness program (comprehensive 3-6 month skills training program directed toward independence); orientation and mobility training; braille training; job evaluations.

Recreational: Senior social group; STARS (Students Together Acquiring Recreational Skills) for teens.

Employment: Manufacturing of products and commodities.

Louisiana Association for the Blind

1750 Claiborne Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71103
(318) 635-6471

James Bowen, Jr., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.

Staff: 6 full time.

Eligibility: Legally or totally blind.

Health: Refers for health services to the state.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Personal adjustment and

vocational counseling, psychological testing.

Educational: Vocational/skill development.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Lends braille and recorded books.

Residential: Provides housing for out of town clients while going through evaluation.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

Recreational: Bowling; seasonal activities.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; job placement service; school-to-work transition program.

Local Offices:

Swartz: Louisiana Association for the Blind, Monroe Division, P.O. Box 522, Swartz, LA 71281, (318) 343-8483, FAX (318) 343-8456, Carylon Kerr, Manager, Satellite Workshop.

Louisiana Center for the Blind

101 South Trenton Street
Ruston, LA 71270
(318) 251-2891 or (800) 234-4166
Joanne Wilson, Director

Type of Agency: Residential rehabilitation agency for blind and visually impaired adults.

Mission: To help blind persons fully participate in the economic, social and spiritual lives of their communities.

Funded by: Grants and fees for services.

Budget: Approximately \$500,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 9 full time; 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served: 200 to date.

Eligibility: Legally blind adults.

Area Served: United States, primarily Louisiana.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available.

Educational: 6-9 month program offering training in cane travel, braille, typing, computer literacy, and home economics.

Reading: Braille classes.

Recreational: Twice weekly participation in a health/recreational facility is mandatory.

Employment: Occasional volunteerism for on-the-job training. Assistance in job placement following services and training.

Computer Training: Training in WordPerfect and adaptive equipment.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Louisiana Ophthalmological Association

P.O. Box 24419
New Orleans, LA 70184-4419
(318) 388-2020
John Cooksey, M.D., President

Louisiana State Association of Optometrists

P.O. Box 14590
Baton Rouge, LA 70898
(504) 767-5268
Susan Jong, O.D., Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS**Louisiana State University Eye Center****Low Vision Clinic**

2020 Gravier Street

Suite B

New Orleans, LA 70112

(504) 568-6700

Dr. Mandi Conway, M.D., Director
of Medical Retina ServicesDale Williams, Clinic Director, ext.
221**Funded by:** State funds, fees
charged to private patients.**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;
optometrist.**Area Served:** Louisiana and Gulf
Coast of Mississippi.**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return
appointment in 1 month if needed.**Low Vision Clinic**

Schumpert Eye Center

1801 Fairfield, Suite 106

Shreveport, LA 71101

(318) 227-6669

FAX: (318) 227-6780

Charlotte Alford, Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit,
hospital-based, full-service
diagnostic and surgical eye center.**Mission:** To provide state-of-the-
art service to the region, to detect
disease and preserve and enhance
sight.**Funded by:** Sisters of Charity of
the Incarnate World.**Hours of Operation:** Tues.

8:00 AM-12:00 noon, by

appointment. Can be reached by
telephone Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-
5:00 PM.**Program Accessibility:** Fully
accessible.**Staff:** Optometrist with low vision
training; 16 ophthalmologists;
registered nurses; ophthalmic
assistant.**History/Date:** Low Vision Center
opened as a component of the Eye
Center in 1986.**Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 4 per week.

Eligibility: Referral by a physician
on staff.**Area Served:** 170 mile radius.**Counseling/Social Work/Self-****Help:** Available through other
hospital departments and in local
community.**Educational:** Only in low vision
use.**Low Vision:** Y.**Low Vision Aids:** Y.**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.**Tulane Medical Center Hospital
and Clinic**

1415 Tulane Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70112

(504) 588-5312 or toll-free in

Louisiana (800) 654-5935 or toll-
free in other southern states

(800) 233-8967

FAX: (504) 584-1681

Delmar R. Caldwell, M.D.

Rosalie K. Allely, Low Vision
Coordinator**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.**Funded by:** Client fees.**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.

8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Low vision coordinator;
occupational therapist; ophthalmic
resident assistant; ophthalmologist.**Number of Clients Served:** 350
per year.**Eligibility:** Legally blind. Referral
and current ophthalmological
report.**Area Served:** Louisiana,
Mississippi, northern Florida.**Transportation:** Y.**Age Requirements:** 4 years and
older.**Counseling/Social Work/Self-****Help:** Counselor, psychologist and
social workers available.**Low Vision:** On-site training
provided.**Low Vision Aids:** Loaned at no
cost for 1-2 weeks. Sold at cost.**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return
appointment, phone interviews.**◆ Aging Services****STATE UNITS ON AGING****Governor's Office of Elderly
Affairs**4550 North Boulevard, Second
Floor

P.O. Box 80374

Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0374

(504) 925-1700

Robert Fontenot, Director

Din LeBlanc, Public Relations and
Information OfficerProvides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

MAINE

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Maine Department of Human Services

35 Anthony Avenue
State House Station #11
Augusta, ME 04330-0011
(207) 624-5323

Harold Lewis, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To support the education of blind children.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: \$1,300,000.

Staff: 9 full-time equivalents (plus 14 contract itinerant teachers). Various therapists available as needed; medical personnel available on consultant basis; advisory board with parent members for overall program.

Number of Clients Served: 525.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, with or without other impairments.

Area Served: Maine.

Age Requirements: Birth to 21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Parent counseling; genetic counseling; other social and health services available on referral basis.

Educational: Adaptive equipment; readiness skills. Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Provides consultation services for local schools. Administers supplemental funds for visually impaired children attending local schools.

For additional information about local facilities, contact David Stockford, Director, Division of Special Education, Maine Department of Education, (207) 287-5800.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Interdepartmental Coordinating Council on Early Intervention Child Development Services

State House Station #146
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-3272

FAX: (207) 289-5900

Sue McCoskrie, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Early intervention services to children aged 0-5.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Instructional Materials Center for the Blind

615 Congress Street
Suite 315
Portland, ME 04101
(207) 773-5372

Youngok Raymond, Director

Area Served: Maine.

Groups Served: Preschool-12th grade.

Types/Content: Textbooks and instructional materials.

Media Formats: Braille, large print.

Also supplies instructional tools and other materials.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Maine State Library

Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

State House Station #64
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-5650 or (207) 947-8336
or toll-free in Maine (800) 452-8793

Benita Davis, Librarian

James Cram, Machine Lending Information

Provides talking books, large print books, reference service, and volunteer-produced material.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Maine Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

State House Station #11
Augusta, ME 04330-0011
(207) 624-5323
Harold Lewis, Director

Area Served: Maine.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: Print, braille, computer disk listings free of charge.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Maine Affiliate

136 Knox Lane
Millinocket, ME 04462
(207) 723-4338
Ellen Pelkey, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Thorndike Press

Voices for Blind

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Maine Department of Human Services

35 Anthony Avenue
State House Station #11
Augusta, ME 04333-0011
(207) 624-5323
FAX: (207) 624-5361
Harold Lewis, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program and independent living program. Provides case management, direct instruction, and orientation and mobility services; employs under contract all teachers of the blind/visually impaired in Maine. Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: Federal and state appropriations.

Budget: 1992: \$3,300,000.

Staff: 31 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1941.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 1,400.

Eligibility: Severe visual disability that results in functional limitations.

Area Served: Maine.

Health: Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, group counseling; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Preschool to 12th grade, age 21. Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, and orthopedically disabled persons.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer programs open for enrollment to other agencies.

Reading: Braille books, large print books, information and referral; transcription to braille and tape recording services on demand for clients. Library services provided by state library.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; communication; home management; orientation/mobility; all skills training in home and community; contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for recreation services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Training on computer; access and software.

Low Vision: Contracts and refers for low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Augusta: Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Capitol Shopping Center, Western Avenue, Augusta, ME 04330, (207) 624-8090.

Bangor: Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 396 Griffin Road, Bangor, ME 04401, (207) 947-0511.

Caribou: Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 41 Washburn Street, Caribou, ME 04736, (207) 498-8151.

Lewiston: Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 200 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 795-4300.

Portland: Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 509 Forest Avenue, Portland, ME 04101, (207) 774-4581.

REHABILITATION

Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

189 Park Avenue
Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-6273
FAX: (207) 774-0679
Dr. Robert Crouse, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Fees, state of Maine, donations, product sales.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: Over 50 full time and part time.

History/Date: Est. 1905.

Number of Clients Served: Over 800 per year.

Eligibility: Legally blind or severe vision loss affecting life functions.

Area Served: Maine.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services.

Residential: State-licensed residence.

Rehabilitation: Mobility; vocational evaluation; rehabilitation teaching in homes state-wide.

Recreational: Recreation services for residents; sports and recreation program for interested participants.

Employment: Work adjustment and training; extended employment.

Computer Training: Comprehensive computer access program.

Low Vision: Sells aids and appliances; low vision service.

Local Offices:

Bangor: Department of Human Services, 396 Griffin Road, P.O. Box 445, Bangor, ME 04402-0445, (207) 947-0511, Sue Martin, Rehabilitation Teacher.

Caribou: Department of Human Services, RR 2, Caribou, ME 04736, (207) 498-8151, Kristy Swallow, Rehabilitation Teacher.

Lewiston: Department of Human Services, 200 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 795-4400, Gerald Kewley, Rehabilitation Teacher.

Saco: Kimball Health Center, 333 Lincoln Street, Saco, ME 04072, (207) 284-4081, Laura Marletta, Rehabilitation Teacher.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

189 Park Avenue
Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-6273
Mary Beth Walsh, Computer Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Maine Optometric Association, Inc.

RFD #1, Box 1610
Litchfield, ME 04350-9730
(207) 268-2032
Muriel Bonin, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Lions Low Vision Service

189 Park Avenue
Portland, ME 04102
(207) 774-6273
David J. Smith, O.D., Clinical Director
Maggie Fehr, Low Vision Assistant

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provide comprehensive low vision services.

Funded by: Client fees, Portland Lions Club.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision assistant.

Eligibility: Ophthalmological referral.

Area Served: Southern Maine.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Offers referrals.

Rehabilitation: Offers referrals.

Computer Training: Offers referrals.

Low Vision: Examination, training.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Bureau of Elder and Adult Services

Maine Department of Human Services

35 Anthony Avenue
State House Station #11
Augusta, ME 04333-0011
(207) 626-5335
Christine Gianopoulos, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Bureau of Rehabilitation

Maine Department of Human Services

35 Anthony Avenue
State House Station #11
Augusta, ME 04333-0011
(207) 626-5310 or (207) 624-5323
Pamela A. Tetley, Director
Harold Lewis, Project Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

MARYLAND

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Maryland State Department of Education

200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 333-2200

Nancy S. Grassmick, State Superintendent of Schools
Martha Fields, Assistant Deputy State Superintendent, Bureau of Educational Development
Richard Steinke, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Special Education, (410) 333-2491

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools. Provides consultation for local schools and the residential school.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Maryland.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program

One Market Center
Suite 304
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 333-8100

FAX: (410) 333-3199
Carol Ann Baglin, Program Director

Early intervention services for infants age birth to 3 years and their families.

SCHOOLS

Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236-4499
(410) 444-5000
FAX: (410) 426-4807
Louis M. Tutt, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired students, as well as for those whose blindness and visual impairment are complicated by deafness, learning disabilities, mental retardation, emotional problems, or orthopedic disabilities.

Funded by: Fees, state appropriation.

Budget: 1991: \$10,449,031.

Hours of Operation: Offices: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Complies with ADA requirements.

Staff: 310 full time; 30 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1853.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 2000.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; must be referred by student's local education agency.

Area Served: Maryland.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 2-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; audiology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. On-campus medical specialty clinics.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training, institution.

Educational: Grades K through 12 and nongraded. Programs for

play/nursery school; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education; social work; speech pathology; orientation/mobility; psychology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; recreation; in-service training programs for staff and for other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; various other computers.

Residential: Dormitories, cottages, on-site apartments for advanced students; residential programming focuses on social development and living skills.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; skiing; roller skating; off-campus trips.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending stand training. Provides consultation to other organizations.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Low vision specialist provides training.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes. Prescription for spectacles and low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided as needed.

Outreach services to visually impaired students in local schools and to recent graduates seeking community placement.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Vision Services

Early Childhood Learning Center Montgomery County Public Schools

Rock View Elementary School
3901 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
(301) 929-2006

Dr. Rosemary O'Brien, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, state funds, Board of Education.

Staff: Full-time staff includes teachers of visually impaired students holding additional certification, social worker, supervisor, and paraprofessionals. Part-time staff includes dually certified teacher, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, orientation/mobility specialist. Psychologist available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Has parent task force for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1954.

Area Served: Montgomery County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: School readiness age.

Health: Health services available from Montgomery County Health Department and private providers.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; parent education and support group; sibling group; personal and family counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program for visually impaired persons, with or without other impairments. Visually impaired and multiply disabled classes.

Rehabilitation: Provided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Recreational: Beep ball league (county and volunteers).

Employment: Assisted by the Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Consultant services to other programs, for children 2-6 years old.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236-4499
(410) 444-5000 or toll-free in Maryland (800) 400-4915
FAX: (410) 426-4807
Suzanne Wayson, Contact Person

Funded by: State grants; endowments; private donations.

History/Date: Est. 1853. Outreach services since 1985.

Age Requirements: Outreach services: 0-22 years. On-campus program: 2-21 years.

Assessment: Through the Diagnostic Services Program, assessments are available in the following areas: low vision, occupational and physical therapy, speech language, psychology, social work, vocational education, audiology, braille, therapeutic recreation, living skills, and health review. Assessment of students residing outside of Maryland is available on a fee-for-service basis.

Consultation to Public Schools: Provided by the Educational Consultant and/or other specialists.

Direct Service: Provided through short-term attendance at main campus program, students in grades 6-12 are eligible for a four-week summer program experience.

Parent Assistance: provided through parent training opportunities, access to information, and referral to appropriate local agencies.

Materials Production: Available through Resource Services Program and includes braille production, textbook and materials searches and loan of available items.

Professional Training: In-service programs are offered on a requested basis.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1715 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 333-2668 or toll-free in Maryland (800) 492-5627
FAX: (410) 333-2095 or (410) 333-2105

Lance C. Finney, Librarian

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Budget: \$600,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 12.

History/Date: Est. 1968.

Number of Clients Served: 7,000.

Area Served: Maryland.

Regional library supplying talking books, large type books, books in braille, cassette, talking book machines, and information and referral services.

Special Needs Library

Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries
6400 Democracy Boulevard

Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 493-2555 or TDD (301) 493-2554

FAX: (301) 530-8941

Subregional library.

Talking Book Center

Prince George's County Memorial Library

6530 Adelphi Road

Hyattsville, MD 20782

(301) 779-2570

Judy Walsh, Librarian

Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Montgomery County Public Schools Vision Services Center

5010 Moorland Lane

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-4955

FAX: (301) 657-4958

Dr. Rosemary O'Brien, Supervisor

Groups Served: 0-21 years.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: None specified.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped

8720 Georgia Avenue
Suite 210

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 589-0894

FAX: (301) 589-0894 (Call before faxing)

Judy A. Rasmussen, Executive Director

Area Served: Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Groups Served: Blind and visually impaired adults.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Eastern Shore Radio Reading Service

WESM-FM

University of Maryland/Eastern Shore

Princess Anne, MD 21853

(410) 651-6281

Robert Franklin, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 5:00 AM-2:00 AM.

Area Served: Counties in Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware encompassing the Delmarva Peninsula.

Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc.

35 University Boulevard East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-6636

Dr. Margaret Rockwell Pfanstiehl, President

Roberta Douglas, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 AM-1:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Area Served: Greater Washington, D.C., area.

Trained Washington Ear volunteers provide audio description for the visually impaired at the Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, National and Ford theaters in Washington, D.C.; at the Tawes and Roundhouse theaters in suburban Maryland. Program notes for National Symphony Orchestra concert series are taped by volunteers at the Washington Ear Studios.

Radio Reading Network of Maryland

2901 Liberty Heights Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

(410) 333-5720

Jacqueline Day, Office Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:45 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Central Maryland.

PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS

Dialing-In

Metropolitan Washington Ear

35 University Boulevard, East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-6636

Bonnie Pinola, Contact Person

Newspapers Read: *Washington Post*.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Low Vision Resource Center

4550 Montgomery Avenue

Suite 602N

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 907-7197

Shirley Norwood, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Offers resources to help persons with low vision.

Funded by: Private foundation and donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 3.

Area Served: Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Low Vision: Free information and referral service.

Low Vision Aids: Extensive hands-on display for clients to try aids in the office.

Maryland Society to Prevent Blindness

1313 West Old Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21209
(410) 243-2020
Katrin R. Starratt, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To prevent blindness by providing consumer eye health and safety information, testing, counseling, and referral.

Funded by: Private donations; United Way.

Budget: \$225,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time, 5 part time eye health educators.

History/Date: Est. 1909.

Number of Clients Served:
40,000 per year.

Area Served: All of Maryland except Washington metro counties of Prince George and Montgomery.

Health: Information and screening services to those at-risk for potentially blinding eye conditions; eye safety information.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Information and referral with follow-up.

Educational: Counseling, talks, films, pamphlets, exhibits, posters.

Professional Training: Training of technicians, nurses, school personnel in eye screening techniques.

Low Vision: Information and referral.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Maryland Affiliate

8810 Sigrid Road
Randallstown, MD 21133
(410) 358-3436
David Nanney, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.)

1401 Mt. Royal Avenue
Fourth Floor
Baltimore, MD 21217-4245
(410) 225-9409 (voice and TDD) or
(800) 683-5555
FAX: (410) 225-3936
Robert M. Gray, Executive Director

Local and affiliate offices are listed in their respective states.

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.) in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Association for the Deaf-Blind

**Audio Description
Metropolitan Washington Ear**

**Council of Executives of
American Residential Schools for
the Visually Handicapped**

National Federation of the Blind

**National Glaucoma Research
Program of the American Health
Assistance Foundation**

**RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness (National Retinitis
Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.)**

◆ Rehabilitation Services**STATE SERVICES****Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

2301 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218
(410) 554-3281

Robert Dantona, Director, Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Tillatha Whitlock, Rehabilitation Supervisor, Unit for the Blind,
(410) 554-3208

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1929.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral.

Reading: Reader service.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility; communication.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; follow-up; vending facility program.

Regional Offices:

Annapolis: 1623 Forest Drive, Suite 304, Annapolis, MD 21403-1020, (410) 974-3884.

Baltimore: 1515 West Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217-4247, (410) 333-6119.

Baltimore: Unit for the Blind, Maryland Rehabilitation Center, 2301 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218, (410) 554-3208.

Hagerstown: Professional Arts Building, Suite 311, Hagerstown, MD 21740-5583, (301) 791-4764.

Salisbury: District Court/Multiservice Center, Salisbury, MD 21801-4975, (410) 543-6906.

REHABILITATION**Blind Industries and Services of Maryland**

2901 Strickland Street
Baltimore, MD 21223
(410) 233-4567
Richard Brueckner, President

Mission: Provides employment and training for travel and communication skills, housing,

counseling, leisure management and cooking.

Funded by: Production and sales of products to government and industrial customers, public support, trust fund and appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly.

Budget: \$14 million.

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1908.

Area Served: Maryland.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Adults.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Offers consultation, information and referral, research, and demonstration services.

Educational: Offers prevocational and vocational training and employment.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation and industry division programs.

Employment: Operates vending facilities program.

Low Vision Aids: Sells aids and appliances at cost.

Local Offices:

Cumberland: Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Western Maryland Division, 322 Paca Street, Cumberland, MD 21502, (301) 724-4111, FAX (410) 724-4116, Marion E. Leib, Plant Manager.

Salisbury: Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Eastern Shore Division, Northwood Industrial Park, P.O. Box 2133, Salisbury, MD 21801, (410) 749-1366, FAX (410) 548-5085, Jim Miller, Plant Manager.

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

Eastern Shore Division

Northwood Industrial Park
P.O. Box 2133

Salisbury, MD 21801

(410) 749-1366

FAX: (410) 548-5085

Jim Miller, Plant Manager

Employment: Employment opportunities and training.

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

Western Maryland Division

322 Paca Street

Cumberland, MD 21502

(301) 724-4111

Marion E. Leib, Plant Manager

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop.

Employment: Employment opportunities and on-the-job training.

Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 589-0894

FAX: (301) 589-0894 (Call before faxing)

Judy A. Rasmussen, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Community services.

Funded by: United Fund; sub-contracts; capital funds; donations; dues.

Budget: 1993: \$250,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 9.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 4,500.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; print handicapped.

Area Served: Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Health: Sells nonprescription sunglasses.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Individual counseling, also accepts family/parents. Refers for social evaluation, testing, vocation placement.

Professional Training: In-service training programs for health-care providers.

Reading: Provides volunteer readers; braille/large-print; information/referral; translation to braille; closed circuit television.

Rehabilitation: Provides daily living/braille/ handwriting skills, orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Refers for all forms; provides monthly/weekend activities, and provides transportation to these activities.

Employment: Refers for prevocational evaluation, occupational skill development, training, placement.

Low Vision: Refers to low vision clinics/services.

Low Vision Aids: Sells magnifiers and other low vision aids.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

2301 Argonne Drive

Baltimore, MD 21218

(301) 554-3284

Mildred Campbell, Staff Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21236-4499

(410) 444-5000

Margaret Reitz, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; training for instructors.

Ruth Parker Eason School

648 Old Mill Road
Millersville, MD 21108
(410) 222-3815
Julia Wright, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Investment Building, Suite 808
One Investment Place
Baltimore, MD 21204
(410) 823-8400
Gordon G. Heiner, M.D., President

Maryland Optometric Association, Inc.

720 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 752-8295
Thomas C. Shaner, CAE, Executive Director

Optometric Society of the District of Columbia

7705 Cayuga Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 229-4990
Virginia Martin, Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

**Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center
Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute**

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
550 North Broadway
Sixth Floor
Baltimore, MD 21205
(410) 955-0580
FAX: (410) 955-1829
Thomas Raasch, O.D., Ph.D., Director
Chanda Checks, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide low vision services and conduct low vision research.

Funded by: Clinical revenues, clinical research funds, and charitable donations.

Budget: \$150,000.

Hours of Operation: Thur. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrists; social workers; ophthalmologists by referral, occupational therapists.

Number of Clients Served: 600/year.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologist's or optometrist's referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and social work services available.

Low Vision: Low vision rehabilitation by optometric low vision specialist, with recommendation/prescription of devices and/or services. Referral to other professionals as indicated.

Low Vision Follow-up: As requested by referring doctor or patient.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As requested by ophthalmologist or patient.

**National Naval Medical Center
Ophthalmology Service**

Optometry Branch
Bethesda, MD 20014
(202) 454-6700
Dan Host, O.D., Staff Optometrist

Funded by: Federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Monday afternoons.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist.

Eligibility: Military, dependents, retired personnel; referral from O.D. or M.D.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By phone interview after 2 months.

**Optometric Center of Maryland-
Low Vision Clinic**

100 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 385-1500
Dr. Louis I. Brillant, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM; Sat. 8:30 AM-1:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometric intern; optometric technician.

Area Served: Baltimore metropolitan area.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment as needed.

**Richard E. Hoover Services for
Low Vision and Blindness
Department of Ophthalmology
Greater Baltimore Medical Center**
6701 North Charles Street

Baltimore, MD 21204
 (410) 828-2658
 FAX: (410) 828-2303
 Pat Canonico, Program Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Private endowments, private grants, and client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Evenings by appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; rehabilitation teachers; orientation and mobility specialists; low vision specialist.

Eligibility: Referral; ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and surrounding counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Monthly support/interest group, monthly newsletter.

Professional Training: In-service and community education programs provided.

Rehabilitation: Training provided in patient's environment.

Low Vision: Evaluation in client's own environment. Clinical exams provided on campus.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; available for purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided in patient's environment.

**University of Maryland
 Department of Ophthalmology
 Low Vision Program**

419 West Redwood Street
 Suite 420
 Baltimore, MD 21201
 (410) 328-6533
 Mark Guggenheim, Low Vision Specialist

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optician; optometrist; orthoptist; low vision assistant.

Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Office on Aging

State Office Building
 301 West Preston Street, Room #1004
 Baltimore, MD 21201
 (410) 225-1100 or Information and referral in-state (800) 243-3425
 Rosalie Abrams, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Administrative Offices
 2301 Argonne Drive
 Baltimore, MD 21218
 (410) 554-3000
 James S. Jeffers, Assistant Superintendent
 Robert Dantona, Project Director,
 (410) 554-3284

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

MAS-SACHUSETTS

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Massachusetts Department of Education

Division of Special Education

1385 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169
(617) 770-7500

Mary-Beth Sasard, Associate Commissioner

Mission: Oversees services to children with disabilities and enforces federal and other regulations concerning those services. Maintains contact with local resource and itinerant specialists in terms of local program monitoring and evaluation, technical assistance, in-service experiences, and resolution of individual pupils' problems. The Division of Special Education approves state and federal aid to local cities and towns for approved special programs, services, educational materials and equipment.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Massachusetts.

For program information, contact local school superintendent.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Early Childhood Massachusetts Department of Public Health

150 Tremont Avenue
Third Floor

Boston, MA 02111
(617) 727-5089 or (617) 727-5090
FAX: (617) 723-1659
Ron Benham, Acting Director
Andrea Weiss Shuman, Part H
Early Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Boston Center for Blind Children Arbor Way School

147 South Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02130
(617) 232-1710
FAX: (617) 232-9094
Michael DeLalla, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Special education.

Funded by: Tuition.

Budget: \$2.4 million.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 80 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1901.

Number of Clients Served: 22.

Area Served: Primarily Massachusetts, other states.

Age Requirements: 6-22 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Parent counseling, information and referral, assistance/advocacy for parents in P.L. 94-142 process.

Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas.

Low Vision: Services available.

Northeast Vision Consultants

Box 42
Needham, MA 02192
(617) 444-0642
FAX: (617) 444-0642
Timothy Traut-Savine, Vice President

Type of Agency: Private.

Mission: Consultant services/ orientation and mobility for visually impaired children and adults at home, at school, and at other agencies.

Funded by: Contracting services from public school systems, private agencies, and individuals.

Staff: 2 full time, 11 part time.

History/Date: Est. July 1984.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Eastern Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Refers for psychological testing and evaluation, individual/group/family/couple counseling.

Educational: K-12; assessment; program planning; direct/indirect services.

Preschools: Nursery school.

Professional Training: Training/supervised fieldwork in low vision (BS/MA), orientation/mobility (MA), special education (MA).

Rehabilitation: Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility; on/off-site.

Recreational: Refers for afterschool programs.

Employment: Career/skill counseling; refers for prevocational evaluation, job retention/training, occupational skill development.

Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
Kevin J. Lessard, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind, deaf-blind, visually impaired, and multi-impaired children, teenagers, and adults.

Funded by: Public funds, endowments, contributions, and tuition.

Budget: 1992: \$30,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 446 full time; 140 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1829.

Number of Clients Served: 180 on campus; hundreds off campus.

Eligibility: Diagnostic evaluation program available to determine program needs.

Area Served: Primarily serves New England; accepts students from all areas of the United States and overseas.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Comprehensive health services available.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and guidance; parent counseling; child advocacy services.

Educational: Grades: preschool through adult. Special programs for multi-impaired and deaf-blind. Summer school programs.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork program for local universities; in-service training program in sign language and child care.

Reading: Braille books; large-type and recorded materials; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine. Braille and talking book library for Massachusetts. Howe Press of the Perkins School distributes the Perkins Brailier, braille accessories, low vision aids, and other materials and equipment.

Residential: Cottages for students; independent apartment living program.

Rehabilitation: Home management; personal management; orientation/mobility; communications; vocational.

Recreational: Recreation services both on and off campus.

Employment: Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training. Programs for training in industry, business, food service, retail management, child care, vending stand, piano servicing, and work activities centers.

Computer Training: Available to all students.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic on campus is available to all students enrolled and students enrolled in public schools.

Low Vision Aids: Available from low vision center.

Regional Offices:

Bangkok, Thailand: 420 Rajavithi Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand, (662) 246-0070, Kirk Horton, Regional Representative, Asia/Pacific Region.

Cordoba, Argentina: Instituto Helen Keller, Av. Velez, Sarfield 2100 CU, Aj, Postal Number 4, Cordoba 5000, Argentina, 54-51-605046, Graciela Ferioli, Regional Representative, Latin America.

Local Offices:

Hyannis: Perkins Outreach Satellite Program, 270 Communications Way, Suite 2D, Hyannis, MA 02601, Robert Steele, Coordinator, (508) 771-2101.

Northfield: Perkins Outreach Satellite Program, 168 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360, Richard Ely, Coordinator, (413) 498-5358.

Coordinates funding of deaf-blind programs in New England for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the New England Regional Center for Services to the Deaf-Blind. Innovative vocational models for deaf/blind youths.

Offers evaluation service to outside agencies and individuals; designed to assess a diverse special needs

population that includes but is not limited to multi-impaired blind and deaf-blind.

Walter E. Fernald State School

9107 Trapella Road
P.O. Box 9108
Belmont, MA 02178
(617) 894-3600
Peter H. O'Meara, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Services for developmentally disabled including blind of all ages.

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1848.

Educational: Education and training program for blind, multiply handicapped of all ages.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
Kevin J. Lessard, Director
Tom Miller, Supervisor, Preschool Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Income from local education agencies and grants.

Staff: 14 full time/part time (includes early childhood/teachers of visually impaired and deaf-blind students); 6 part time (includes social worker/parent counselor, psychologist, occupational/speech/physical therapists). Medical consultants available. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Number of Clients Served: 120 (infants); 25 (preschool).

Area Served: Entire state.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling. Various

support and related services available on consultative or referral basis.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program with center component for visually impaired children, 0-3 years, with or without other impairments, including deaf-blindness. Home teaching, classrooms for multiply impaired students, and community-based vision and deaf-blindness services to local education authorities offered for children aged 3-6.

Consultative services to other programs offered at all age levels.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Outreach Services

Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172

(617) 924-3434

FAX: (617) 926-2027

Mary Beth Caruso, Contact Person,
ext. 7434

Funded by: Fees for service; tuition; and grants.

History/Date: Outreach services; est. 1980.

Age Requirements: Birth-22 years.

Assessment: Assessments of infants, preschoolers, and school-age children in school, at home, and in specialized programs.

Consultation to Public Schools: Consultation to teachers, aides, administrators, and related personnel individually and through in-service education.

Direct Service: Assessments and instruction in all developmental areas to assist student's integration in public and private schools.

Parent Assistance: Parent and teacher support groups facilitated;

workshops for parents; annual parent/teacher conferences.

Materials Production: Production of braille and large-print materials.

Professional Training: Short-term workshops offered throughout the state; graduate-level summer institute.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Boston College

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Department of Curriculum,
Administration, and Special
Education

Campion Hall 101

Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

(617) 552-4200

FAX: (617) 552-0812

Dr. Richard M. Jackson, Director,
Programs in Vision Studies,
(617) 552-8429

Barbara A. McLetchie, Coordinator
of Teacher Preparation in Deaf-
Blind and Multiple Disabilities,
(617) 552-8431

Stephanie MacFarland,
Co-Coordinator of Teacher
Preparation in Deaf-Blind and
Multiple Disabilities

Programs Offered: Graduate
(master's, doctoral) level personnel
preparation programs for teachers
of visually impaired, deaf-blind,
and multiply disabled students.

Distance Education: Y.

Northeastern University

Department of Counseling
Psychology, Rehabilitation, and
Special Education

203 Lake Hall

Boston, MA 02115

Dr. Louise Lafontaine, Severe
Special Needs, (617) 437-2485

Dr. Karen Lifter, Moderate Special
Needs, (617) 437-5916

Dr. James Scorzelli, Rehabilitation
Education, (617) 437-2487

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's) program for teachers of multiply disabled students. Master's program for rehabilitation counselors of deaf-blind persons.

University of Massachusetts at Boston

Graduate College of Education
Harbor Campus

Boston, MA 02125-3393

(617) 287-5709

William E. Kiernan, Ph.D.

Programs Offered: Graduate program in orientation and mobility and master's program in rehabilitation counseling or special education.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Massachusetts Braille and Talking Book Library

Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172

(617) 924-3434, ext. 240 or

(617) 972-7240 or toll-free in
Massachusetts (800) 852-3133

FAX: (617) 926-2027

Patricia A. Kirk, Librarian

Mission: To provide quality recreational and informational library services to legally blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and learning disabled Massachusetts residents who are unable to read conventional print.

Funded by: Public funds and contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 22 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Number of Clients Served: 15,000.

Area Served: Massachusetts.

Talking books, braille, and cassette books and magazines; provides braille books for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island readers. Loans Library of Congress talking book and cassette book machines and accessories to patrons.

Talking Book Library

Worcester Public Library
1 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 799-1730 or (508) 799-1661
or toll-free in Massachusetts
(800) 762-0085 or TDD (508) 799-1731
FAX: (508) 799-1652
James Izatt, Librarian

Subregional library.

Vision Resources Library Massachusetts Department of Education

341 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 926-3200
FAX: (617) 926-8747
Diana Redmond, Library
Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: State and federal monies.

Budget: \$400,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: Coordinator; technicians.

History/Date: Est. 1965.

Number of Clients Served: 1,100.

Eligibility: Registration by certified teacher/consultant of visually impaired students.

Area Served: Massachusetts.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Library center for research and distribution of media and materials for various curricula offered to visually impaired individuals. Maintains contact with local resource and itinerant specialists in terms of local program monitoring and evaluation, technical assistance, in-service experiences, and resolution of individual pupils' problems.

TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

Massachusetts Braille and Talking Book Library

Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 772-7240 or toll-free in New
England (800) 852-3133
Vicky Vogt, Outreach Services
Librarian

Machine-lending agency for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Other machines are distributed by the state regional libraries.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Massachusetts Association for the Blind

200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 738-5110
FAX: (617) 738-1247
Lana Reed, Contact Person

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: All groups, but primarily adults.

Types/Content: Books and other materials, including mathematics, music, and computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille or thermoform.

Recording for the Blind

Bulfinch Square
43 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 577-1111
Debra A. Coleman, Executive
Director
Maribeth Burke, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

Lenox Library
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0889

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

5600 Rochester Road
Troy, MA 01098
(313) 879-0101
Jean Lowmaster, Contact Person

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

1781 Cold Springs Road
Williamstown, MA 01267
(413) 458-3641
Bonita C. Stagers, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Vision Resources Library Massachusetts Department of Education

341 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 926-3200
FAX: (617) 926-8747
Diana Redmond, Library
Coordinator

Area Served: Massachusetts.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Large-print and braille.

Title Listings: Available on request.

RADIO READING

Audio Journal

172 Lincoln Street
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 797-1117
Susan Wagner, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Area Served: Central
Massachusetts.

Radio Reading Service of Western New England

460 Main Street, #5
Indian Orchard, MA 01151-1222
(413) 543-8558
Richard E. Gagne, Executive
Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours, 7
days.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Area Served: Springfield and
vicinity; western Massachusetts.

Talking Information Center

130 Enterprise Drive
P.O. Box 519
Marshfield, MA 02050
(617) 834-4400
Ron Bersani, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
7:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: Southwest and
southeast Massachusetts, Boston
and the North Shore, Cape Cod
and islands.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Massachusetts Affiliate

375 Concord Avenue
Belmont, MA 02178
(617) 489-0007
FAX: (617) 489-0531
Joan McLean, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Massachusetts Affiliate

P.O. Box 139
Braintree, MA 01284
(617) 244-7723
Jini Fairley, Co-President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Braille Inc.

Christian Science Publishing
Society

Descriptive Video Service
WGBH-TV

G.K. Hall and Company

Hilton/Perkins National and
International Program
Perkins School for the Blind

Howe Press of Perkins School for
the Blind

John Curley and Associates

Joslin Diabetes Center

National Association for Parents
of the Visually Impaired

National Birth Defects Center

National Braille Press

National Coalition on Deaf-
Blindness

National Council of Private
Agencies for the Blind

Resources for Rehabilitation

Schepens Eye Research Institute

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind

88 Kingston Street
Boston, MA 02111-2227
(617) 727-5550, ext. 4503 or
(800) 392-6450
Charles Crawford, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers the federal-
state vocational rehabilitation
program, Title XX, Title XIX, and
Supplemental Security Income for
the blind. Provides services for
totally blind, legally blind, multiply
handicapped blind, children under
6 years old with vision impairment.

Funded by: State funding; fees.

Staff: 257 full time, 16 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Health: Contracts, refers for and
provides consultation to other
agencies on health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Social evaluation;
individual, family/parent, couple
counseling; placement in school,
training. Contracts and refers for
other counseling/social work
services.

Reading: Lends talking book
record player and cassette player.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management; braille; handwriting;
listening skills; Optacon; typing;
electronic mobility aids; home
management; orientation/mobility;
rehabilitation teaching in client's
home and community; sensory

training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreation services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

New Bedford: 800 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, (508) 993-6140.

Springfield: 1694 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01130, (413) 781-1290 or (800) 392-6450.

Worcester: 340 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 754-1148 or (800) 392-6450.

REHABILITATION

Boston Aid to the Blind

1980 Centre Street
P.O. Box 218
Boston, MA 02132-0002
(617) 323-5111
FAX: (617) 323-6687
Elliot Feldman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enrich the lives of visually impaired adults, aged 50 and older, with a focus on aiding their adjustment to visual impairment; teach techniques of daily living, provide recreation and socialization programs, and serve as advocates in the broader community.

Funded by: Contributions, bequests, fund raising, membership

dues, third-party reimbursements, and Medicaid.

Budget: \$615,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 8 full time, 10 part time.

Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1912.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 185.

Eligibility: Ambulatory, legally blind, or severely visually impaired.

Area Served: Greater Boston.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 50 years and older.

Health: Preventive nursing care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Individual and group counseling; information and referral; crisis intervention.

Professional Training:

Internships and fieldwork placements.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management.

Recreational: Arts therapy; summer day program; bowling; woodworking; dressmaking; music; cooking; drama; knitting; crocheting; physical education; cultural enrichment program; weaving; swimming.

Low Vision: Preliminary screening, referrals to low vision clinics.

Low Vision Aids: Training with optical devices and nonoptical aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Periodic follow-up after training.

Boston Center for Blind Children

147 South Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02130
(617) 232-1710
Edward J. Connolly, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; multiply handicapped.

Funded by: Fees, capital income, contributions.

Staff: 50. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1901.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, ambulatory.

Health: Primary care; monitoring of chronic problems. Referrals for other care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; multiply handicapped. Programs: prevocational; pre-academic; developmental skills.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; special education.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

Residential: Dormitory and apartment unit.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; swimming; field; beach trips; picnics; use of community recreation resources. Refers for residential summer camp.

Carroll Center for the Blind

770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158-2597
(617) 969-6200 or toll-free in
Massachusetts (800) 852-3131
Rachel Ethier Rosenbaum,
President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Serves people who are visually impaired with rehabilitation and skills training, information, and opportunities to achieve independence, self-sufficiency, and self-fulfillment.

Funded by: Fees, fund raising, bequests.

Budget: \$1,700,00.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Residence open 7 days a week, weekends, evenings for recreation.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 21 full time. Volunteers and consultants are used.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 761 in regular programs; 274 in recreational programs.

Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired.

Area Served: Primarily Massachusetts and New England, although some referrals are from other areas of the U.S. and international.

Age Requirements: Summer Youth Programs: 15-25 years; Adult Residential: 16 and over; Community: 3 and over. Other programs have no age requirement.

Health: Prescription and provision of low vision aids; evaluation of eye treatment; audiological

screening; consultation in diabetic case management and the use of adaptive devices.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual and group sessions for clients in residential training. Information and referral for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/field work placement in orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching and vision rehabilitation. Seminars for nurses and other medical personnel. Regular in-service training programs. Teacher education program, international candidates. Computer training for teachers on educational software. Semi-annual professional workshops and seminars for allied health professionals. Training in technology.

Reading: Training in the use of talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; closed-circuit television systems; volunteer readers.

Residential: Dormitory for adults while in program.

Rehabilitation: Various courses from 1 day, 1 week, or 2 week diagnostic evaluation; rehabilitation for low vision; newly blind 4 to 16 weeks. Other special programs such as diabetes management.

Recreational: Outdoor enrichment program for adults; skiing; skating; canoeing; sailing; bicycling; hiking.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; psychometric testing; job training programs; assistance with job finding and job retention. Job-site evaluation.

Computer Training: Classes for beginners to advanced students on site or at work; courses vary in length and intensity. Computer job training.

Low Vision: Low vision programs include: functional vision assessment, clinical low vision examination, low vision training, vocational vision assessment.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision devices on loan to clients within the training program. Provision of devices by doctors' prescriptions.

Low Vision Follow-up: Ongoing training during residential program.

Ferguson Industries for the Blind

173 Second Street
Cambridge, MA 02142
(617) 727-9840 or toll-free in
Massachusetts (800) 392-6450, ext.
9840
Carol A. Sullivan, Director

Type of Agency: Sheltered employment workshop.

Mission: To employ blind and visually impaired people in the manufacture of various items.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: \$1.3 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 9.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Number of Clients Served: 44.

Eligibility: Referral from Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Area Served: Massachusetts.

Ferguson Industries for the Blind

160 Middlesex Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(508) 452-3941
Jim Ralph, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop.

Employment: Job training and job retention and employment services.

Ferguson Industries for the Blind

63 Howard Street

Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 737-5108
Earl L'Esperance, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop.

Employment: Job training and job retention and employment services.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults New England Region Office
89 Broad Street, Suite 1135
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 350-8702 (voice and TDD)
Mary Ellen Barbiasz, New England Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Lowell Association for the Blind Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
174 Central Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(508) 454-5704
Dina L. Miller, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit, community based.

Mission: To encourage and assist each consumer in gaining the confidence and independence necessary to function in a sighted world.

Funded by: United Way of Merrimack Valley, endowments, contributions, sustaining donations, and volunteers.

Budget: \$150,000 annually.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 4.

History/Date: Est. 1923.; inc. 1928.

Number of Clients Served: 1991-1992: 398.

Eligibility: Legally blind or functionally blind; any visual difficulty.

Area Served: Greater Lowell area.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Referral services; aids and appliances; public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Advocacy; support groups; and referral services.

Educational: Itinerant vision teaching, birth-12th grade.

Reading: Volunteers, tapes.

Rehabilitation: Volunteer readers and drivers; shopping programs.

Recreational: Social and recreational activities for the elderly, working-age adults, and youth. Beep baseball, bowling, newsletters.

Employment: Job search assistance.

Computer Training: Word processing, speech synthesis.

Low Vision: Functional evaluations.

Low Vision Aids: Available on trial basis, assistance in selection.

Massachusetts Association for the Blind

200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 738-5110 or toll-free in Massachusetts (800) 682-9200 or TDD (617) 731-6444
FAX: (617) 738-1247
Joseph Collins, Acting Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: As a multi-service, state-wide agency, provides a diverse range of programs and services to blind and visually impaired persons, multi-disabled children and adults; fosters self-reliance, equal opportunity, and independence.

Funded by: Contributions; United Way; endowment; and fees.

Budget: 1992: \$4,000,000.

Hours of Operation: Residential services: 24 hours a day; community services; Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 139. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1903.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 2,105.

Eligibility: Visual impairment or print handicap that can benefit from services.

Area Served: Massachusetts (agency's store and braille and recording services also serve persons in other states).

Age Requirements: Residential programs have specific age requirements; community services do not.

Health: Aids and appliances stores.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides community education; information and referral; 24-hour telephone tape.

Reading: Transcribes print materials into braille and tape.

Residential: Dormitories for multihandicapped students; residential apartments for adults.

Rehabilitation: Activity program for blind retarded adults. Activities of daily living, communications skills, mobility and prevocational skills.

Employment: Workshop employs and trains blind retarded adults.

Low Vision: Low vision center located at Springfield office.

Publications: Publishes aid and appliances catalog in large print, cassette, and braille.

Local Offices:

Leominster: 29 Main Street, Leominster, MA 01453, (617) 537-1514.

Springfield: 77 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, (413) 734-7343.

Worcester: 51 Harvard Street,
Worcester, MA 01609, (617) 791-
8237.

**Morgan Memorial Goodwill
Industries, Inc.**

1010 Harrison Avenue
Roxbury, MA 02119
(617) 445-0606
Christa B. Contois, Director of
Human Services Department

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind,
legally blind, visually impaired,
deaf-blind, learning disabled,
mentally retarded, emotionally
disabled, physically disabled.

Funded by: Fees, workshop, sub-
contracts, grants.

Staff: 45 full time, 3 part time.

Eligibility: Referred by state or
private agency, minimal self care,
mobility.

Age Requirements: 16 years or
older.

Health: General medical services.
Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Social evaluation;
psychological testing and
evaluation; individual counseling;
placement in school training;
referral to community services.
Refers for other counseling/social
work services.

Educational: Accepts deaf-blind;
emotionally disturbed; learning
disabled; mentally retarded;
orthopedically handicapped; other
multiply handicapped. Programs:
vocational/skill development.

Professional Training:
Internship/fieldwork placement in
rehabilitation counseling;
vocational rehabilitation. Regular
in-service training programs.
Short-term or summer training.

Rehabilitation: Home
management; orientation/mobility.
Refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Overnight camp.
Refers for adult continuing
education.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; career and skill
counseling; occupational skill
development; job retention; job
retraining; sheltered workshops;
vocational placement; follow-up
service. Refers for vending stand
training.

**New England Home for the Deaf
(Aged, Blind or Infirm)**

154 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923
(617) 774-0445
Judith Good, Acting Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Residential and health
services for older deaf and blind
adults.

Funded by: Endowment,
contributions and state aid.

Budget: \$750,000.

Staff: 26.

History/Date: Est. 1901.

Number of Clients Served: 30.

Eligibility: Deaf or deaf-blind.

Area Served: New England.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 50 years and
older.

Health: Health services for
residents.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** For residents.

Residential: Facilities for aging
deaf men and women. Also accepts
deaf-blind persons.

Rehabilitation: Limited.

Recreational: Social and leisure
activities.

Low Vision: Services for residents.

Low Vision Aids: Available on
site.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**The Occupational Rehabilitation
Group, Inc.**

Harvard Square
P.O. Box 2937
Cambridge, MA 02238
(617) 661-5667
John Robichaud, Rehabilitation
Engineer
Stephen Duclos, Vocational
Rehabilitation Specialist

Employment: Vocational
evaluation and testing;
rehabilitation engineering; job
modification; job development; job
placement.

**Outreach Services to Elders
Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
FAX: (617) 926-2027
Mary Beth Caruso, Contact Person,
ext. 7434

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Funded by: Fees for service and
grants.

Staff: 3 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1992.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Greater Watertown
area, Cape Cod, or the Islands.

Age Requirements: 60 years or
older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Adjustment training and
referral to community services.

Reading: Talking book records
and cassettes and players, braille
books, large-print books, braille
and recorded magazines, closed-
circuit television systems, and
volunteers.

Rehabilitation: Personal
management, braille,
communications, daily living skills,
home management, community
integration.

Recreational: Individual training in leisure and recreation. Referrals to community resources.

Low Vision: Prescription and provision of low vision aids; referral services; public education.

VISION Foundation

818 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 926-4232 or toll-free in
Massachusetts (800) 852-3029
Barbara R. Kibler, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide practical and emotional support to individuals with vision loss.

Funded by: Sub-contracts; memberships; grants; individuals, corporations; foundations; sales; and United Way.

Budget: 1991: \$238,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 2 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Inc. 1976.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 5,300.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Massachusetts primarily; information and services and publications available nationwide.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Adults.

Health: Refers for medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Peer counseling; buddy telephone system; referral to community services, other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: In-service training for peer counselors, volunteers, staff.

Reading: Information and referral (database accessible in print, large-

print and speech); telephone information tape; resources in special media.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services. Provides rehabilitation teaching services to elders 60 years of age and older who are visually impaired but not legally blind.

Recreational: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.

Employment: Career mentor system; VIPEG (visually impaired persons employment group) visually impaired volunteer placement. Refers for other employment orientation services.

Service for elders: Survival Skills training for visually impaired elders age 60 and over who are not legally blind; self-help groups for elders; outreach programs. Also serves ethnic minorities and linguistic minorities.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind

88 Kingston Street
Boston, MA 02111-2227
(617) 727-5550
FAX: (617) 727-5960
Joseph Lazzaro, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Operates as part of federally funded and state-funded vocational rehabilitation program providing many forms of assistive

technology for blind and visually impaired persons.

The Occupational Rehabilitation Group, Inc.

Harvard Square
P.O. Box 2937
Cambridge, MA 02238
(617) 661-5667
John Robichaud, Rehabilitation Engineer
Stephen Duclos, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Project CABLE Carroll Center for the Blind

770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158-2597
(617) 969-6200
Dina Rosenbaum, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Work with spreadsheets and job training programs also available.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

59 North Pearl Street

Brockton, MA 02401
(617) 588-4111
Lawrence Weene, M.D., President

**Massachusetts Society of
Optometrists, Inc.**

101 Tremont Street, Room #608
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 542-9200
Carmine A. Guida, O.D.

LOW VISION CENTERS

**Carroll Center for the Blind
Low Vision Rehabilitation Center**

770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158-2597
(617) 969-6200
FAX: (617) 969-6204
Robert McGillivray, Contact Person

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: One
afternoon a week.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision
assistant; social worker;
orientation/mobility instructor;
rehabilitation teacher;
ophthalmologist; psychologist/
counselor; occupational therapist;
rehabilitation counselor.

Eligibility: Legally blind, residents
of Carroll Center Rehabilitation
Program.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Employment: Work assessment
program available.

Computer Training: Computer
access assessments provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment in 2 months.

**Joslin Diabetes Center
William P. Beetham Eye Research
and Treatment Unit**
One Joslin Place

Boston, MA 02215
(617) 732-2552 (appointments) or
(617) 732-2554 (other information)
Lloyd M. Aiello, M.D., Director
Richard M. Calderon, O.D.
Robert A. Poole, O.D.
Jerry D. Cavallerano, O.D., Ph.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees and grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Counselor; low vision
assistant; ophthalmic
photographer; ophthalmic
technician; ophthalmologist;
optometrist; optometry students;
optometry residents; nurse; special
educator.

Eligibility: Diabetic or referred by
ophthalmologist.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan or purchase; on-site training
provided.

**Low Vision Service
Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
FAX: (617) 926-2027
Mary Beth Caruso, Contact Person,
ext. 7434

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Funded by: Fees for service,
tuition, and grants.

Hours of Operation: Tues.
9:30 AM-4:30 PM; Thurs.
9:30 AM-12:30 PM (optometric
exams); Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-
4:30 PM (functional assessments);
alternative times by arrangement.

Staff: Low vision optometrist with
expertise in pediatric and
rehabilitation optometry. Low
vision specialists with expertise in
orientation and mobility, special
education, and rehabilitation
teaching.

Area Served: New England.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Consultation to families,
programs, and schools. Referral to
local community, state, and
national resources.

Low Vision: Functional vision
assessments, clinical vision
examinations, environmental
evaluations, optical and nonoptical
device assessments and
prescriptions, sun wear
evaluations, on-site visits to
individual's home, job, school or
program. Training in vision
utilizations, use of optical and
neoptical aids. In-service training.

Low Vision Aids: Loan of devices,
materials, and equipment.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointments at clinic; follow-up in
the individual's home, job, school,
or program.

**Massachusetts Eye and Ear
Infirmary
Vision Rehabilitation Services**

243 Charles Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 573-4177
FAX: (617) 573-3350
Patricia McCabe, MPH, Director
Joel A. Kraut, M.D., Medical
Director
Paulette D. Turco, O.D., Associate
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To help partially sighted
people of all ages to learn to
successfully use their remaining
vision to be as independent as
possible.

Funded by: Client fees;
contributions.

Budget: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.- Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:
Wheelchair accessible; interpreters
provided for deaf persons.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; optometrist; social workers; occupational therapists; ophthalmic assistant. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Vision rehabilitation service and vision care service for the deaf and hard of hearing since 1985; low vision services since 1970.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Clinical social workers provide counseling/support and co-lead support groups with Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary physicians.

Educational: Library and information services available.

Reading: Closed-circuit television evaluation available. Talking books and adaptive reading material in vision rehabilitation service library.

Rehabilitation: Referrals to community services and other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Referral to community resources.

Computer Training: Demonstrations of VISTA and VERT.

Low Vision: Complete optical and nonoptical low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: For trial, purchase; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview, and visits to home, school, and place of employment.

Local Offices:

Stroughton: Low Vision Service at New England Sinai: Hospital, 150 York Street, Stroughton, MA 02072, (617) 344-0526.

New England Eye Institute of the New England College of Optometry, Low Vision Clinic
1255 Boylston Street

Boston, MA 02215
(617) 262-2020, ext. 321
FAX: (617) 236-5144
Katherine Miller, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:
Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; low vision assistant; social worker; ophthalmologist; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no fee charged; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview, questionnaire, home visit, school visit or visit to place of employment in 1 month.

New England Medical Center New England Eye Center

750 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 956-5743
Eli Peli, O.D., Director of Vision Rehabilitation Service

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and by appointment.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/technician; social worker; ophthalmologist; psychologist/counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

Retina Associates Low Vision Rehabilitation Center

100 Charles River Plaza
Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 523-7810
Gerald Friedman, O.D., Director

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; optician; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist; bioengineers; psychophysics Ph.D.

Eligibility: Referral only.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview, questionnaire, home visit, school visit or visit to place of employment in 1 month.

University Hospital, Vision Rehabilitation Clinic

Gunderson Eye Clinic
720 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
(617) 238-8350
Jane Davis, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Thurs., Fri.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
ophthalmology resident;
optometrist.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologic
report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; rental fee; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment and/or phone
interview in 1 month; home visits
made rarely.

◆ ***Aging Services***

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Executive Office of Elder Affairs

38 Chauncey Street

Boston, MA 02111

(617) 727-7750 or Information and
referral in-state (800) 882-2003

Franklin P. Ollivierre, Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

MICHIGAN

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Michigan Department of Education Special Education Services

P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-9433
FAX: (517) 373-7504
Dr. Robert E. Schille,
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dr. Richard L. Baldwin, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Conducts statewide educational planning for disabled students in Michigan. Provides both guidelines and directives to intermediate and local districts for the purposes of publicizing and monitoring comprehensive continuum of services mandated for all disabled students aged 0-25. Also administers federal quota of American Printing House for the Blind resources for both residential and local school students through the state school.

Funded by: State funds; foundation grants.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Childhood Education Michigan Department of Education

P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-6335
FAX: (517) 373-1233
Jacquelyn Thompson, Consultant
Office of the Michigan State Coordinator for Part H of the

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

SCHOOLS

Michigan School for the Blind

715 West Willow Street
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 334-6624
FAX: (517) 334-6990
Brian D. McCartney, Interim Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, physically disabled, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: State and local funds.

Budget: 1992: \$5,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 82. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1879.

Eligibility: Legally blind state resident, referred.

Area Served: Michigan.

Age Requirements: 0 to 25 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision service; low vision aids; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: General academic; career education; ungraded secondary for adult multiply disabled, deaf-blind and severely multiply disabled persons.

Professional Training: Low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; field placement. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

Residential: Cottages on 42-acre campus one mile from State Capitol Building. Emphasis on training in cooperation with school program.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Leisure services; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; bowling; swimming; skiing; ice skating; horseback riding.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career skill counseling; occupational skill development; training in massage therapy. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for employment services.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Call school office for program information.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Intermediate Schools

2118 U.S. 23 South
Alpena, MI 49707
(517) 354-3101
Tom Miller, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, private donations, state funds.

Budget: \$2,200,000.

Staff: 28 full time (includes teachers of visually impaired children, psychologist, occupational/speech/physical therapist); 1 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Area Served: Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-26 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling for students.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas.

Orientation/mobility available on consultant or referral basis.

Home-based and center-based programs for visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities. Consultant services to other schools and programs.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Michigan School for the Blind

715 West Willow Street

Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 374-6624

FAX: (517) 334-6990

Brian D. McCartney, Interim Superintendent

Funded by: State and local funds.

History/Date: Est. 1879.

Age Requirements: 0-25 years.

Assessment: Orientation and mobility; social evaluation; academic evaluation; psychological evaluation.

Consultation to Public Schools:

Assist local school districts with transition plans to return students to home districts.

Direct Service: Residential placement for legally blind students.

Parent Assistance: Counseling, referral, and networking.

Materials Production: Large-print.

Professional Training: Low vision; orientation and mobility; social work; special education; field placement. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Eastern Michigan University

Department of Special Education
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Dr. George Barach, Contact Person,
(313) 487-0028

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's) program for teachers of visually impaired students.

Distance Education: Y.

Michigan State University

Department of Counseling,
Educational Psychology

331 Erickson Hall

East Lansing, MI 48824

(517) 355-1871

FAX: (517) 353-6393

Mrs. Lou Alonso, Contact Person

Programs Offered: Master's programs for teachers of visually impaired students; program for dual competency teachers of visually impaired students, including deaf-blind, and orientation and mobility specialists.

Wayne State University

Teacher Education Division
Detroit, MI 48202

Dr. Asa Brown, Visually

Handicapped, (313) 577-0918

Dr. Marshal Zumberg,

Multihandicapped Blind

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually

impaired and multiply disabled persons.

Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Alonzo E. Hannaford, Department
of Special Education, (616) 387-
5935

Dr. William Wiener, Department of
Blind Rehabilitation, (616) 387-
3455

Dr. Paul Ponchillia, Rehabilitation
Teaching

Programs Offered: Undergraduate program for teachers of visually impaired and multiply disabled students; master's program for orientation and mobility specialists, rehabilitation teachers of blind students, and dual competency teachers of visually impaired students/orientation and mobility.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Blue Water Library Foundation Blind and Physically Handicapped Library

210 McMorran Boulevard

Port Huron, MI 48060

(313) 982-3600

FAX: (313) 987-7327

Debra Oyler, Librarian

Subregional library.

Downtown Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

121 Gratiot Avenue

Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 224-0580 or TDD (313) 224-
0584

FAX: (313) 965-1977

Joan Gartland, Librarian

Subregional library.

Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

332 Sixth Street
 Traverse City, MI 46984
 (616) 922-4824 or TDD (616) 922-4843

FAX: (616) 922-4836
 Carol Hubbell, Librarian

Subregional library.

Kent County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

775 Ball Avenue, N.E.
 Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 (616) 774-3262

FAX: (616) 774-3256
 Linda Hilton, Librarian

Subregional library.

Library of Michigan Media Center for the Visually Impaired

Pine at Maple Street
 Lansing, MI 48913
 (517) 373-9628
 Tom Blair, Head Librarian

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide textbooks in braille, large-print, and tape for Michigan schools.

Funded by: Federal grant.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 6.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Number of Clients Served: 2,100 visually impaired persons.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Michigan. Will exchange braille textbooks nationally for brailon.

Age Requirements: 0-26 years.

Offers/lends cassette tape players, braille books, large-print books. Also offers book selection and information/referral services.

Library of Michigan Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 30007
 Lansing, MI 48909
 (517) 373-1590 or TDD (517) 373-1592

FAX: (517) 373-5865

Margaret Wolfe, Regional Librarian

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1928.

Area Served: Michigan, excluding Wayne County, with recorded materials, talking book machines, cassette machines and their accessories. Serves entire state, including Wayne County, with braille.

Regional library supplying recorded materials, talking book machines, cassette machines.

Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

16480 Hall Road
 Mount Clemens, MI 48044-3198
 (313) 286-1580 or TDD (313) 286-9940

FAX: (313) 286-0634

Linda Champion, Librarian

Subregional library.

Mideastern Michigan Library Co-op**Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

G-4195 West Pasadena Avenue
 Flint, MI 48504
 (313) 732-1120

FAX: (313) 732-1715

Patricia Peterson, Librarian

Subregional library.

Muskegon County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

635 Ottawa Street

Muskegon, MI 49442
 (616) 724-6257

FAX: (616) 724-6675

Linda G. Glapp, Librarian

Subregional library.

Northland Library Cooperative

316 East Chislom Street
 Alpena, MI 49707

(517) 356-1622 or toll-free in Michigan (800) 446-1580

FAX: (517) 354-3939

Catherine Glomski, Librarian

Subregional library.

Oakland County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Farmington Community Library
 32737 West Twelve Mile Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 (313) 553-0300 or TDD (313) 553-0320

FAX: (313) 553-4037

Carole Hund, Librarian

Subregional library.

Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1615 Presque Isle Avenue
 Marquette, MI 49855
 (906) 228-7697 or toll-free in Michigan (800) 562-8985

FAX: (906) 228-5627

Suzanne Dees, Librarian

Subregional library.

Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 8645
 Ann Arbor, MI 48107
 (313) 971-6059

FAX: (313) 971-3892

Mary E. Udoji, Librarian

Subregional library.

Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

33030 Van Born Road
Wayne, MI 48184
(313) 274-2600 or TDD (313) 274-2600
FAX: (313) 326-3008
Pat Klemans, Regional Librarian

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Area Served: Wayne County.

Regional library supplying talking books, large type books, and cassette and talking book machines. Has volunteer taping group.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

College of Education

Wayne State University

Wayne State University
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-0988
Kenneth A. Hanninen, Professor

Groups Served: College students.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Library of Michigan

Media Center for the Visually Impaired

Pine at Maple Street
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 373-9628
Tom Blair, Head Librarian

Area Served: Primarily Michigan. Will exchange braille textbooks nationally for braille exchange.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Library of Michigan Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 30007
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-1590 or TDD (517) 373-1592
Margaret Wolfe, Regional Librarian

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; newsletters.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Michigan Association of Transcribers for the Visually Impaired

1400 North Drake Road, #218
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(616) 381-9566
Elizabeth M. Lennon, President

Area Served: Michigan.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; career/vocational; menus; directories.

Media Formats: Braille; cassettes; large-print.

Title Listings: Provided at no charge.

Recording for the Blind

5600 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48098
(313) 879-0101

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

RADIO READING

Detroit Radio Information Service

6001 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-4146
Robert B. Jones, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb; greater Detroit area.

The Sight Seer

3333 East Beltline Avenue, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(616) 452-9713, ext. 258 or
(616) 363-8838
Ken Van Prooyen, Sr., Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Area Served: 35-mile radius from Grand Rapids on local station, 100-mile radius from Grand Rapids on regional station.

WKAR Radio Talking Book

c/o WKAR Radio
Michigan State University
283 Communication Arts Building
East Lansing, MI 48824-1212
(517) 353-9124
Brenda Hornickle, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. and Sun. 6:00 AM-11:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: 60-mile radius from East Lansing.

PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers for the Blind

5508 Calkins Road
Flint, MI 48532
(313) 230-8866
Jim Doherty, Director

Newspapers Read: *Detroit Free Press*, *Flint Journal*, *Kalamazoo*

Gazette. Selections of announcements, bulletins, and magazines also read.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Grand Rapids Affiliate

2586 Alger, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 285-8197
Mary Beth Barkeley, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Michigan Affiliate

202 Lennon
Harper Woods, MI 48225
(313) 542-6290
Julie Unatin, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Braille Communication Services

4-Sights Network Greater Detroit Society for the Blind

International Institute for Visually Impaired, 0-7 (Blind Children's Fund)

Michigan Braille Transcribing Service

Visually Impaired Piano Tuners International

Zondervan Publishing House

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

**Commission for the Blind
Michigan Department of Labor**
201 North Washington Square
P.O. Box 30015
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-2062 or TDD (517) 373-4026
FAX: (517) 335-5829
Philip E. Peterson, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides opportunities for employment and independent living to persons who are blind.

Funded by: Federal and state funds.

Budget: 1992-93: \$12,465,900.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Itinerant services and accessible offices; TDD; adapted reading material; interpreters as needed; braille and voice-output computers; large-print hardware or software.

Staff: 118 full time.

History/Date: Services for the Blind; est. 1944. Commission for the Blind; est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served: 4,000 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind for vocational rehabilitation, independent living, business enterprise programs. Vision acuity of 20/70 or less for youth low vision program.

Age Requirements: Vocational rehabilitation: 16 years and older; youth low vision program: birth through high school; independent living: 55 years and older.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; spectacles; low vision clinic.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling, guidance, and referral.

Educational: Sponsors clients in college or technical programs.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training.

Reading: Information and referral regarding sources of braille, large-print and taped material.

Residential: Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center is a short-term residential facility.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation and mobility; braille reading/writing; home mechanics; adaptive kitchen skills; low vision; electronic and computerized communication devices; college preparatory; job-seeking skills.

Recreational: Orientation to adaptive leisure activities.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Computer Training: Training sequence as needed by client and determined by job requirements. Further information: Robert Tinney, (616) 385-1294; Roger Yake, (616) 385-1550.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation and aids for children and adults.

Low Vision Aids: Prescriptive and nonprescriptive.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Detroit: Commission for the Blind, State of Michigan Plaza Building, North Tower, 15th Floor, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 256-1524.

Escanaba: Commission for the Blind, State Office Building, 305 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829, (906) 786-8602.

Flint: Commission for the Blind, Flint State Office Building, 125 East Union, 7th Floor, Flint, MI 48502, (313) 768-2030.

Gaylord: Commission for the Blind, 209 First Street, Gaylord, MI 49735, (517) 732-2448.

Grand Rapids: Commission for the Blind, State Office Building, 4th Floor, 350 Ottawa, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, (616) 451-8265.

Kalamazoo: Commission for the Blind, 1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, (616) 385-1294.

Lansing: Commission for the Blind, 201 North Washington Square, P.O. Box 30015, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-6425 or (517) 373-2062.

Saginaw: Commission for the Blind, Saginaw State Office Building, 411-G East Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48607, (517) 771-1765.

REHABILITATION

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit

3132 Trumbull
Detroit, MI 48216
(313) 964-3900
W. D. Wisecarver, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To help people with disabilities achieve greater independence and self-esteem through training and work experience.

Funded by: United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 256 full time; 25 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1921.

Number of Clients Served: 2,245.

Eligibility: Accepts deaf-blind persons or blind persons who are also emotionally disturbed,

learning disabled, mentally retarded, or orthopedically disabled or who have other disabilities.

Area Served: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual and group counseling.

Educational: Vocational/skill development.

Rehabilitation: Handy Aids sales of material and equipment for blind persons.

Employment: Vocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; work adjustment; job placement; sheltered employment.

Low Vision Aids: Available at cost from our Handy Aids Department.

Local Offices:

Detroit: Handy Aids, 1401 Ash, Detroit, MI 48208, (313) 964-3900.

Detroit: Salvage, 7940 Livernois, Detroit, MI 48210, (313) 898-2040.

Detroit: New Center Vocational Progra, 1401 Ash Street, Detroit, MI 48208, (313) 964-3900.

Holly: Employment and Training, 115 Battle Way, Holly, MI 48442, (313) 634-0250.

Mt. Clemens: Macomb, 195 Malow, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043, (313) 465-3707.

Oak Park: South Oakland Club House, 13200 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237, (313) 547-7712.

Taylor: South West Wayne Vocational Project, 15530 Racho Road, Taylor, MI 48180, (313) 287-9600.

Taylor: Intensive Training Program, 16677 Rach Road, Taylor, MI 48180, (313) 285-6060.

Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, Inc.

501 South Averill Avenue
Flint, MI 48506
(313) 762-9960
FAX: (313) 762-9957
Gerald A. Kane, Executive Director

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, fees, contributions and United Way.

Budget: 1991: \$4,012,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 16 full time, 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1931; inc. 1938.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 432.

Eligibility: Any person age 16 or older with a disabling or disadvantaging condition.

Area Served: Bay, Genesee, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Shiawasee, and Tuscola counties.

Age Requirements: 16 and older.

Health: Diagnostic medical examination.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services.

Educational: Job readiness and job-seeking skills.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services; sheltered workshops.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind

16625 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 272-3900
FAX: (313) 272-6893
Carroll L. Jackson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Prevention of blindness, reduction of the impact of blindness, and advocacy for those with severe vision loss.

Funded by: United Way; contributions; endowments; bequests, and sub-contracts from the state of Michigan.

Budget: \$ 750,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Staff: 21.

History/Date: Inc. 1961.

Number of Clients Served: More than 700 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind, blind, and visually impaired persons.

Area Served: Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

Age Requirements: Varies according to program funding source.

Health: Prevention of blindness and public education programs.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychosocial assessment; individual and group counseling; referral to community resources. Serves family members as well as clients. Specialized services for children include developmental intervention, parent counseling, and school consultation.

Professional Training: Internships/fieldwork placements for rehabilitation teaching, occupational therapy, social work, child development. In-service workshops and training opportunities.

Rehabilitation: Individual and group rehabilitation teaching in client's home or the community. Personal adjustment training; communications systems and media; home management; follow-up training for low vision clinics; leisure activities; limited

orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Provides consultation to other agencies in cases where blindness is a secondary disability.

Recreational: Deaf-blind club for social interaction and ongoing case management services.

Employment: Consultation, specialized information services. Use of 4-Sights Network, a national computer system for vocational, educational, technological, and professional information for blind and visually impaired persons.

Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center

1541 Oakland Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(616) 385-1550
Paul Glatz, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Staff: 30 full time, 11 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 300-400 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Michigan.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years or older.

Health: Provides occupational therapy. Contracts for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Contracts for psychological services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation counseling, social work, vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training program. Modified short-term or summer training.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; industrial arts; adaptive kitchen skills, etc.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; offers instruction and/or assistance for any student activity. Refers to community programs for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; vending facility training.

Computer Training: For beginners.

Low Vision: Houses Western Michigan University's low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed by low vision specialist.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children

26530 Eureka Road
Taylor, MI 48180
(313) 946-7500
Kum M. Sebaly, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and children with additional disabilities, such as seizures,

deafness, developmental delays, mental retardation, and orthopedic disabilities.

Funded by: Fund raising, donations.

Budget: \$625,000.

Hours of Operation: Residential facility open weekdays.

Staff: 17 full time, 18 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 21.

Eligibility: Blind or legally blind; at least one additional disability.

Area Served: Southeastern Michigan.

Age Requirements: 12 years and under.

Health: Occupational therapy; nursing.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; informal family counseling; referral to community services.

Educational: Children over 3 attend public school programs.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy. Regular in-service training programs for staff.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; listening skills; sensory training; orientation/mobility, field trips.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; music therapy; field trips.

Vision Enrichment Services

215 Sheldon, S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(616) 458-1187 or (800) 458-7113

Beverly Geyer, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Fees, United Way, and capital income.

Budget: 1991: \$512,032.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Examinations by appointment only.

Staff: 9 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1913.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 568 (regular services) and 5,571 screened through glaucoma screening program.

Eligibility: Any problem related to vision.

Area Served: 13 counties in western Michigan, surrounding the Grand Rapids area.

Health: Complete low vision service. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Information and referral; transcription to braille.

Rehabilitation: All rehabilitation services available in client's home and community, except low vision clinic; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

Recreational: Arts and crafts. Provides consultation to other agencies on other recreational services.

Low Vision: Low vision examinations by certified low vision doctors.

Low Vision Aids: Prescription of aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: In-home low vision follow-up.

Visually Handicapped Services Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center

4201 St. Antoine

Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 745-4510

Margaret M. Smith, Manager

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind and legally blind persons.

Funded by: Contract with Michigan Commission for the Blind and private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 5 full time, 4 contingent.

History/Date: Est. 1964.

Number of Clients Served: 200 a year.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

Age Requirements: 16 years and up.

Health: General medical services; emergency medical services; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, group counseling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies in other counseling/social work services.

Educational: College prep program.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; large print books; information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting;

typing; computerized speech synthesis; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; Kurzweil Personal Reader. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Distributes canes without charge to legally blind persons upon request. Provides commonly used aids and devices to students without charge.

Recreational: Makes arrangements for summer camp attendance.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career counseling.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Wide variety of low vision aids.

Visually Impaired Center

725 Mason Street
Flint, MI 48503
(313) 235-2544
Laurie MacArthur, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Fees, United Way.

Staff: 9 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand; Optacon.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting;

typing; video magnifier; Optacon training; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers for other services.

Recreational: Refers for recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Welcome Home for the Blind

1953 Monroe Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(616) 363-9088
Louise Johnson, Administrator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Lions Club of Michigan.

Hours of Operation: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 12 full time, 18 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 36.

Eligibility: Legally blind, ambulatory, ability to dress and care for normal personal needs.

Area Served: Michigan.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 60 years and older; can obtain a waiver for younger persons.

Educational: Educational programs provided.

Residential: Home for blind men and women, including those with hearing impairments.

Recreational: Opportunities provided in and out of home; bowling; crafts.

Low Vision: Services provided.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center

1541 Oakland Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(616) 385-1294 or (616) 385-1550
Robert Tinney, Computer Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Michigan School for the Blind

715 West Willow Street
Lansing, MI 48913-0001
(517) 334-6982
FAX: (517) 334-6990
Kathy Brown, Interim Principal

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

Vision Enrichment Services

215 Sheldon, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1187
George Kremer, Teacher
Pat Vanliere, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Visually Handicapped Services Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center

4201 St. Antoine

Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 745-4510
Carolee Moss, Computer Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

Visually Impaired Center

725 Mason Street
Flint, MI 48503
(313) 235-2544
Laura Bates, Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 South Rochester Road
Rochester, MI 48307
(313) 651-9011
William Hansen, President/
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Trains dogs to serve as guides for blind persons. Conducts a supervised course of training to coordinate the work of blind persons with their dogs.

Funded by: Lions and Lioness clubs, sororities, public-supported agencies, and individuals.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 72.

History/Date: Est. 1939.

Number of Clients Served: 9,200.

Eligibility: Legally blind, in good health, 18 years of age, out of high school, with basic orientation and mobility skills.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Transportation: Y.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Michigan Ophthalmological Society

405 Beaumont Medical Building
Royal Oaks, MI 48072
(313) 288-2191
Frederick W. Bryant, M.D.,
President

Michigan Optometric Association

530 West Ionia Street, Suite A
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 482-0616
FAX: (517) 482-1611
William Dansby, C.A.E.

LOW VISION CENTERS

Burns Clinic Medical Center Low Vision Clinic

560 West Mitchell
Petoskey, MI 49770
(616) 347-7000
John H. Tanton, M.D., Director

Funded by: Client fees,
foundation grants, state funds.

Hours of Operation: Tues.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision
assistant; audiologist; psychologist.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Number of Clients Served: More
than 1,000.

Eligibility: Referral and current
ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Primarily northern
lower Michigan and eastern upper
peninsula.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Y.

Low Vision: Evaluation interview
to obtain visual history;
examination; on and off site.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
loan/purchase; prescriptions and
fittings.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointment; home visit; phone
interview; referrals.

College of Optometry Ferris State University

Big Rapids, MI 49307
(616) 592-3715
FAX: (616) 592-2394
C. Allyn Uniacke, O.D., Ph.D.,
Chief, Low Vision Service

Mission: Educational clinic.

Funded by: Commission for the
Blind, patient fees, Ferris State
University.

Hours of Operation: Thurs. 1:00-
5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Michigan and
Indiana.

Low Vision: Complete low vision
evaluations, including available
electrodiagnostic testing.

Low Vision Aids: Rents or sells
aids; closed circuit television will be
recommended where it can be
obtained.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment.

Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology Low Vision Program Friends of Vision

15415 East Jefferson
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313) 824-4710
Philip C. Hessburg, M.D., Medical
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Mission: Provides low vision and
community services, including
support groups; low vision
assessments at the Gorey Resource
Center for the Visually Impaired.

Funded by: Contributions and
annual fund raiser, "Eyes on the
Classics".

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM. (resource
center); low vision assessments by
appointment.

Staff: 3 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Area Served: Metropolitan Detroit
and tricounty area.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Support groups/workshops
on mobility and daily living skills
for visually impaired persons.

Reading: Circulates cassette tape
of local newspaper to members of
support groups.

Low Vision: Assessments by
appointment.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
purchase.

Focus Vision

**Department of Ophthalmology
Henry Ford Medical Center**

2825 Livernois
Troy, MI 48083
(313) 528-0453

C. E. McCole, M.D., Chairman,
Department of Ophthalmology
Julian J. Nussbaum, M.D., Medical
Advisor

G. Robert Lesser, M.D., Medical
Advisor

Joanne R. Lada, C.O.T.,
Administrative Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Private funds and
foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.

Staff: Ophthalmologists,
optometrists, psychologist.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Metropolitan Detroit
area and surrounding communities.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment.

**Kresge Eye Institute Low Vision
Service**

4717 St. Antoine

Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 577-1320 or (313) 577-1319
Shirley Sherrod, M.D., Director,
Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Computer
access available.

Low Vision: On-site training
available.

Low Vision Aids: Loan/sell,
prescribed/fitted.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointment.

Low Vision Consultants

200 Green Road
Suite 200

Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(313) 930-2373

Steven I. Bennett, F.A.A.O.,
Certified Low Vision Consultant

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.
9:30 AM-8:30 PM; Wed.
2:00 PM-5:30 PM; Thurs. and Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
optometrist.

Eligibility: Complete medical
examination.

Area Served: Michigan, referrals
from Ohio and Indiana.

Computer Training: Training on
computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes and for sale.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment.

Low Vision Service

**Department of Ophthalmology
Henry Ford Medical Center**

2799 West Grand Boulevard
Suite 1037

Detroit, MI 48202

(313) 857-3229 or (313) 876-3262
Susan R. Gormezano, O.D.,
F.A.A.O., Contact Person

Type of Agency: Hospital-based
low vision service.

Mission: Helping visual impaired
individuals meet their vision
function potential and highest level
of independence relative to
educational, career/vocational and
independent living goals.

Funded by: Private and hospital
resources.

Budget: \$100,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM; clinical
services on Mon. and Fri. only.

Staff: Certified low vision
specialist.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Number of Clients Served: 500
per year.

Eligibility: All visually impaired
persons, including those who are
multiply impaired or frail.

Area Served: Detroit metropolitan
area. Also entire state of Michigan
and northern Ohio.

Transportation: Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Through state and private
agency networks, including
Michigan Commission for the
Blind.

Educational: In coordination with
the Michigan Commission for the
Blind Youth Low Vision Program.

Professional Training: Y.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Employment: In coordination with
Michigan Commission for the Blind
Vocational Program.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**Saginaw Valley Special Needs
Vision Clinic**

3660 Southfield Drive

Saginaw, MI 48601
(517) 777-1040
Janice Coats, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide optometric vision care for developmentally disabled persons and low vision services for visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Foundation grants; private funds; and service organizations.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: Low vision specialist.

Vision Enrichment Services

215 Sheldon, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1187 or (800) 466-8084
FAX: (616) 458-7113
Bruce Dragoo, M.D., Consulting ophthalmologist
Betty Rittersdorf, Director of Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provision of low vision devices to assist in meeting daily needs.

Funded by: District 11-C-1 Lions Clubs, Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, United Way of Kent County, United Way of Muskegon County, client fees.

Budget: 1991: \$512,032.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.

History/Date: Est. 1913.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 568 regular service and 5,571 through glaucoma screening.

Eligibility: Referral by ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Area Served: 13 counties in western Michigan, surrounding the Grand Rapids area.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or home visit in 1 month; after 1 month, as needed.

Vision Rehabilitation Institute, Sinai Hospital

14800 West McNichols, Suite 310
Detroit, MI 48235
(313) 493-5514
Hugh Beckman, M.D., Chairman,
Department of Ophthalmology
Mary Jo Florence, Research Director
Elaine Roman, Vision Therapist

Funded by: Sinai Hospital of Detroit.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/technician; social worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment; by questionnaire.

Western Michigan University Low Vision Clinic

Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(616) 387-3455
Robert Unser, O.D.
Tressa Adams, O.D.
Michelle Barry, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Wed. 9:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.

Eligibility: Eye report; referral; functional impairment due to poor vision.

Area Served: Michigan.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no fee; on-site training provided.

W.K. Kellogg Eye Center/Low Vision Services University of Michigan Medical Center

1000 Wall Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(313) 764-5106
Donna M. Wicker, O.D.
Cynthia L. Cupal, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Wed.

1:00 PM-5:00 PM; Thurs.

8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; social worker; ophthalmologists.

Eligibility: referral.

Area Served: unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Other services include Turner Geriatric Low Vision support group, occupational and physical therapy, and computer center support.

◆ *Aging Services*

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Office of Services to the Aging

P.O. Box 30026

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-8230

Nancy Crandall, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Commission for the Blind

Michigan Department of Labor

201 North Washington Square

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-2062 or (517) 771-1765

Philip E. Peterson, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

MINNESOTA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Special Education Section Minnesota Department of Education

550 Cedar Street
811 Capitol Square Building
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 296-4163
FAX: (612) 297-7368
Wayne Erickson, Manager

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually impaired children attending local schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Minnesota.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides consultation on educational services to local schools and to the state residential school.

Reading: Provides reader service and special materials as needed.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools or director of special education in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Interagency Early Childhood Planning Project Minnesota Department of Education

550 Cedar Street
Capitol Square Building, Room 826
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 296-7032
FAX: (612) 296-3272
Jan Rubenstein, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

Highway 298
P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3226
FAX: (507) 332-3631
Wade M. Karli, Superintendent
Bill Kazee, Director of Education

Mission: Services for visually impaired and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1866.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Minnesota.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 4-21 years.

Health: Occupational therapy; physical therapy; contracts for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Career and guidance counseling.

Educational: K through 12th grade.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics.

Recreational: Recreational therapy.

Employment: Vocational training; work adjustment program; refers for other vocational services.

Computer Training: Speech, screen magnification, braille access. Word processing, database, spreadsheet application.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

J.I.S.D. #287

Hennepin Technical College
1820 North Xenium Lane
Minneapolis, MN 55441
(612) 559-3535
Ron Carter, Superintendent
Robert Manning, Special Education Director

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 9 full time for total vision program (includes visually handicapped and dually certified teachers). Advisory board with parent members for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Western metropolitan area of the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Provides instruction in orientation/mobility, visual development, use of special or adaptive equipment. Consultant services to other programs for visually impaired children.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

Highway 298
P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3226
FAX: (507) 332-3631
Bill Kazee, Director of Education

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1866.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Assessment: Available upon request in all areas relative to blindness and school functioning.

Consultation to Public Schools: On request.

Direct Service: Limited.

Parent Assistance: Limited.

Materials Production: Limited.

Professional Training: As requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Minnesota Resource Center for the Blind and the Visually Handicapped

Highway 298
P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3219
Jean Martin

Area Served: State of Minnesota.
Groups Served: K-12.

Performs computerized media searches but is not a statewide depository for materials.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mankato State University

Rehabilitation Counseling
Department
MSU Box 52
P.O. Box 8400
Mankato, MN 56001-8400
(507) 389-1318
Dr. Donald Clark, (507) 389-5439

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) program for rehabilitation counseling.

University of Minnesota

Department of Educational
Psychology
233 Burton Hall, 178 Pillsbury
Drive, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
FAX: (612) 626-7496
Dr. Marie Knowlton, (612) 624-1859

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired students. Additional casework and related field emphasis available in early childhood, mental retardation, administration, and rehabilitation.

Distance Education: Y.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3279 or toll-free in
Minnesota (800) 722-0550
Myrna Wright, Head Librarian

Type of Agency: Public.
Funded by: Public funds.
Area Served: Minnesota.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large-type books and cassettes.

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped Communication Center

2200 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55114
(612) 642-0500 or toll-free in
Minnesota (800) 652-9000
Gerald Olerud, Director,
Communication Center

Type of Agency: Public.
Mission: Meet literacy needs of blind people.

Funded by: State, federal and private monies.

Budget: \$1,800,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 32.

History/Date: Est. 1954.

Number of Clients Served: 14,000.

Eligibility: Unable to read regular newsprint.

Area Served: Minnesota.

Radio talking books; tape and braille library; distributor of talking book machines; original transcriptions for educational materials in braille and tape forms.

TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

Special Library and Transcription Services

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped Communication Center

2200 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55114
(612) 642-0500 or toll-free in
Minnesota (800) 652-9000
Gerald Olerud, Machine Lending
Information

Machine-lending agency for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Other machines are distributed by the state regional libraries.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3279 or toll-free in
Minnesota (800) 722-0550
Myrna Wright, Head Librarian

Area Served: Minnesota.

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped Communication Center

2200 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55114
(612) 642-0500 or toll-free in
Minnesota (800) 652-9000
Gerald Olerud, Director,
Communication Center

Area Served: Minnesota.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Radio Talking Book Network

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped/Communication Center
2200 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55114
(612) 642-0503 or (612) 642-0502
Stephen Rosenthal, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours daily.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Area Served: State of Minnesota, portion of eastern South Dakota.

PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS

Dialing News

1745 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 642-0502
Laurie Knudsen, Contact Person

Newspapers Read: *Minneapolis Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing

674 Transfer Road
St. Paul, MN 55114-1402
(612) 645-2546
FAX: (612) 645-2742

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To prevent loss of vision and hearing.

Budget: \$370,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1939.

Area Served: Minnesota.

Preschools: Vision and hearing screening.

Professional Training:

Continuing education programs and seminars for medical and health professionals.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Minnesota Affiliate

P.O. Box 24231
Edina, MN 55424
(612) 892-4242
Jim Serley, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Braille and Tape Service

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology

Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association

Seedlings: Braille Books for Children

Volunteer Braille Services

Womyn's Braille Press

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

2200 University Avenue West, Suite 240
St. Paul, MN 55114-1840
(612) 642-0500 or TDD (612) 642-0506
FAX: (612) 649-0506

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To facilitate the achievement of vocational and personal independence by children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

Funded by: Public funds and private contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$11 million.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Totally accessible.

Staff: 120 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1923.

Eligibility: Blind; visually impaired.

Area Served: State of Minnesota.

Health: Diagnostic services; low vision rehabilitation services; restoration services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Rehabilitation counseling; consultation to parents and schools.

Professional Training: Internship in rehabilitation counseling.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; reader service; closed-frequency radio broadcasting; dial-in news.

Rehabilitation: Vocational and independent living rehabilitation services; home services.

Recreational: Provides consultation to other agencies.

Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training; home employment programs.

Computer Training:

Rehabilitation engineering and rehabilitation technology; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Preassessment.

Low Vision Aids: Provision of and training in use of low vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Local Offices:

Brainerd: Services for the Blind, 1919 South Sixth Street, Brainerd, MN 56401, (218) 828-2490, FAX (218) 828-2664.

Duluth: Services for the Blind, 320 West Second Street, Room 111, Duluth, MN 56802, (218) 723-4600, FAX (218) 723-4745.

Hibbing: Services for the Blind, 750 East 34th Street, Hibbing, MN 55746, (218) 262-6754, FAX (218) 263-9158.

Mankato: Services for the Blind, 1650 Madison Avenue, Mankato, MN 56001, (507) 389-6324, FAX (507) 389-6070.

Marshall: Services for the Blind, 1210 East College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258, (507) 735-7114, FAX (507) 537-6061.

Moorhead: Services for the Blind, Townsite Centre, 810 Fourth Avenue South, Moorhead, MN 56560, (218) 236-2422, FAX (218) 299-5810.

Rochester: Services for the Blind, 717 Third Avenue S.E., Rochester, MN 55901, (507) 285-7282, FAX (507) 280-5592.

St. Cloud: Services for the Blind, 810 West St. Germain, Room 301, St. Cloud, MN 56301, (612) 255-2254, FAX (612) 255-4801.

St. Paul: Communication Center, 2200 University Avenue West, #240, St. Paul, MN 55114, (612) 642-0502, FAX (612) 649-5927.

REHABILITATION

Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind

4505 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55807-2728
(218) 624-4828

FAX: (218) 624-4479

Michael Conlan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To foster the independence of blind persons.

Funded by: Workshop and sub-contract sales; fees; endowment and contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$6,500,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (rehabilitation facility); 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM (production operation).

Program Accessibility: All programs and facilities are fully accessible.

Staff: 20 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1919.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 380.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Duluth, northwest Wisconsin and all of Minnesota.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Diabetes information services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services; individual, group and family counseling.

Residential: Housing provided for clients while in rehabilitation program.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; talking calculators; communication skills; itinerant rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Outreach programs for low vision elderly and deaf-blind populations.

Recreational: Instruction in leisure skills.

Employment: Evaluation and training in industrial skills; work activity center.

Computer Training: Hands-on training in assistive technology with IBM compatibles.

Low Vision Aids: Sells aids and appliances.

Minneapolis Society for the Blind

1936 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-2222

Steven A. Fischer, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Fees; United Way; workshop sales; capital funds; grants and contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$700,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 17 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1917.

Eligibility: 20/60 vision or less or field restriction.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Primarily 9-county metropolitan area and state of Minnesota.

Age Requirements: Preferably over 15 years.

Health: Diabetes information service; physical conditioning. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Group, individual and family. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies in other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Diabetic education.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching; low vision internship.

Reading: Information and referral.

Residential: Non-residential facility. Uses community housing facilities.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille and talking calculator; typing; handwriting;

Optacon; crafts and shop; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and other community settings. Contracts for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Refers for recreation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up services; job club.

Computer Training: Training available on site and in community.

Low Vision: Exams, training, screening on site and in community.

Low Vision Aids: Available on site.

Low Vision Follow-up: Support group.

Services to seniors; provides an array of services including vision rehabilitation, independent living skills, and mutual help groups dealing with vision loss and concomitant needs of aging.

St. Paul Society for the Blind

216 South Wabasha Street
St. Paul, MN 55107
(612) 224-7662
Steven A. Fischer, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Fees; United Way; sub-contracts.

Budget: \$1,800,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Inc. 1955.

Number of Clients Served: 1991:
1,250.

Eligibility: Disabled, with priority given to blind.

Area Served: Greater St. Paul area.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Intake and need assessment; individual counseling; support group. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; use of electronic reading aids; listening skills; home management; rehabilitation teaching in the client's home and classes; orientation/mobility training.

Recreational: Special programs for blind and visually impaired persons. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Employment opportunities in subcontract manufacturing and telemarketing.

Low Vision: Screening.

Low Vision Aids: Sales and training.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Gillette Children's Hospital

550 West County Road D
New Brighton, MN 55112
(612) 636-9443
Marty Stone, Rehabilitation Engineer

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; word

processing; computer operating systems.

Minneapolis Society for the Blind

1936 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-2222
Jean Christy, Sensory Aids Trainer

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

P.O. Box 68
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-3226
FAX: (507) 332-3631
Steve Wasserman, Contact Person

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

Project Enhance

1006 West Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408
(612) 627-2925
Deb Clark, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Sister Kenny Institute

800 East 28th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 332-7036
FAX: (612) 332-0183
Barbara Lietz, Training Manager

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; closed-

circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Special Training and Research Technology (START)

5230 Girard Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 521-0008
John Hlivjak, President

Computer Training: Speech output systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ **Low Vision Services**

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology

414 Central Medical Building
393 North Dunlap
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 646-7419
FAX: (612) 645-2742
Kristin M. H. Wallerich,
Administrative Director
Martin B. Kaplan, M.D., President

Minnesota Optometric Association

1821 University Avenue, Suite
S269
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 646-2883 or (612) 646-4601
FAX: (612) 646-2884
David N. Kunz, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Mayo Clinic

Rochester, MN 55905
(507) 284-2744
Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, M.D.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. by appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmology technician.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Examinations.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aid prescriptions. Low vision optical aid rooms. Dispenses prescriptions. No loans.

Low Vision Follow-up: On regular basis.

Referrals to state department for rehabilitation.

Minneapolis Society for the Blind Vision Rehabilitation Services

1936 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-2222
FAX: (612) 871-2222 (Call before faxing)
Steven A. Fischer, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit; private.

Mission: Services for visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Client fees, foundation grants, third-party payments, United Way.

Budget: \$150,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Optometrists, registered nurse, rehabilitation counselor, low vision instructors.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Eligibility: Current ophthalmological/optometric report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Mutual help groups.

Professional Training:

Professional seminars and workshop; internships.

Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.

Low Vision Aids: On trial loan while in program; sell aids and appliances.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center Low Vision Clinic

640 Jackson Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 221-8782
Budd Appleton, M.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; county and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Thurs. 8:30 AM - 12 noon, by appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; social worker.

Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology

Box 493, UMHC
516 Delaware Street, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0501
(617) 625-4400
Jay Krachman, M.D., Chairman

Funded by: Client fees; private donors; Lions Club.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/technician; ophthalmic nurse.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Some provided on loan for trial; on-site training is provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: None.

◆ ***Aging Services***

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Board on Aging

444 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, MN 55155-3843

(612) 296-2770 or Information and referral in-state (800) 652-9747

Gerald Bloedow, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

MISSISSIPPI

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Mississippi Department of Education

Sillers State Office Building
Jackson, MS 39205
(601) 359-3513
Tom Burnham, Superintendent

Mission: Serves as registration agency for blind and partially sighted students in public schools who are eligible for American Printing House for the Blind materials. Approves programs for visually handicapped in public schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Mississippi.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Infant and Toddler Program Mississippi Department of Health

2423 North State Street
Room 105A
P.O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215-1700
(601) 960-7427 or (800) 451-3903
FAX: (601) 960-7948
Hope Bacon, Director, Infant and Toddler Program

Information and referral services, technical assistance, central directory of early intervention services.

SCHOOLS

Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 987-3952 or (601) 987-3953
Dr. John Parrish, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; partially sighted; deaf-blind; multihandicapped.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1848.

Eligibility: 50 percent loss of vision; resident of Mississippi.

Area Served: Mississippi.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: General medical services for students; refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Limited psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Consultation provided to other schools and agencies upon request.

Educational: Grades K-12, deaf-blind-multihandicapped unit. Programs: general academic; vocational skill development; daily living. Ages 5-21, school program; 0-5 homebound program.

Preschools: Homebound program; developmental training and premobility.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement. In-service training programs.

Reading: Braille books and magazines; large print books; Optacon.

Residential: Dormitories for residential students.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home economics; refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Afterschool activities; swimming; track;

wrestling; cheerleading; arts and crafts.

Employment: Occupational skill development; office occupational; work-study program; limited computer training.

Low Vision: Operates Low Vision Clinic. Provides exams, assists in ordering low vision aids, provides training and follow-up.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 987-3952 or (601) 987-3953
Dr. John Parrish, Superintendent
Ted Dear, Director

Type of Agency: State residential school.

Funded by: Title I, P.L. 89-313.

Staff: 2 full time (visually handicapped and early childhood teachers). Orientation/mobility specialist, other related services personnel available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Area Served: Mississippi.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling. **Educational:** Adaptive equipment. Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Low Vision: Exams available. Provides training and follow-up and assists in ordering low vision aids.

Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other impairments.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Jackson State University
Department of Special Education
 Jackson, MS 39217
 (601) 968-2370
 Dr. Celestine R. Jefferson

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate certification programs for teachers of visually impaired students (coursework offered only when there is sufficient demand).

Mississippi State University
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision

P.O. Drawer 6189
 Mississippi State, MS 39762
 (601) 325-2001
 FAX: (601) 325-8989
 Dr. J. Elton Moore, Director

Programs Offered: In-service training and continuing education programs; graduate credit offered for vision specialists in vocational rehabilitation program.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Mississippi Library Commission
Handicapped Services

5455 Executive Place
 Jackson, MS 39206
 (601) 354-7208
 FAX: (601) 354-6077
 Jean Hudspeth, Coordinator,
 Handicapped Services

Funded by: Public funds and contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Number of Clients Served: 2,700.

Area Served: Mississippi.
Transportation: Y.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, and cassette books. Reader service and volunteer recording program available. Distributes talking book machines, cassette machines and attachments and renders repair service.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Mississippi Library Commission
Talking Book and Braille Services

5455 Executive Place
 Jackson, MS 39206
 (601) 354-7208
 FAX: (601) 354-6077 (call before transmitting)
 Jean Hudspeth, Coordinator

Area Served: Mississippi.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Braille, cassettes, large-print.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive
 Jackson, MS 39211
 (601) 987-3952 or (601) 987-3953
 Dr. John Parrish, Superintendent
 Kevan Clinard, Coordinator

Groups Served: Public schools.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

RADIO READING

Radio Reading Service of Mississippi

3825 Ridgewood Road
 Room 152 U.C.

Jackson, MS 39211
 (601) 982-6301
 Mike Duke, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
 24 hours.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Area Served: Mississippi.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Mississippi Affiliate

115 Broadmoor Drive
 Jackson, MS 39206
 (601) 362-6985
 Lois Russell, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

5455 Executive Place
 Jackson, MS 39206
 (601) 364-2650
 Joe Carballo, Director, (601) 936-0200

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Staff: 104 full time, 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1928.

Eligibility: Legally or totally blind.

Health: Low vision aids or devices. Contracts and refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation;

individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Remedial.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

Residential: Apartments and dormitories for clients, multiply disabled.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility. Provision of direct and purchased services for individuals not qualified for vocational rehabilitation but in need of intervention to pursue independent living goals.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other employment services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Regional Offices:

Gulfport: 3220 10th Street, Suite A, Box 4234, Gulfport, MS 39501, (601) 864-1516.

Jackson: 4801 North State Street, P.O. Box 9727, Jackson, MS 39206, (601) 354-7002.

Louisville: 203 North Columbus Avenue, P.O. Box 503, Louisville, MS 39339, (601) 773-7132.

Oxford: North Mississippi Retardation Center, Highway 7 South, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655, (601) 234-1476, ext. 200, ext. 201.

Local Offices:

Carthage: 111 South Pearl, Carthage, MS 39051, (601) 267-7323.

Columbus: 413 4th Avenue South, P.O. Box 582, Columbus, MS 39701, (601) 328-8807.

Ellisville: Ellisville State School, Ellisville, MS 39437, (601) 477-9384.

Greenville: 1427 South Main Street, Suite 14, Greenville, MS 38701, (601) 335-1502.

Greenwood: 713 Highway 49-82 By-pass, P.O. Box 767, Greenwood, MS 39830, (601) 455-1432.

Gulfport: 3220 10th Street, Suite B, Box 931, Gulfport, MS 39502-4234, (601) 863-1111.

Gulfport: 3220 10th Street, Suite C, Box 1811, Gulfport, MS 39502-1811, (601) 863-0111.

Hattiesburg: 100-A South Street, P.O. Box 429, Hattiesburg, MS 39401, (601) 583-0141, (601) 582-4581.

Jackson: Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2550 Peachtree Street, P.O. Box 5314, Jackson, MS 39296-5314, (601) 364-2700.

Jackson: 4801 North State Street, Box 9727, Jackson, MS 39206-0727, (601) 354-7053, (601) 354-7054, (601) 354-6881.

Jackson: University Medical Center, P.O. Box 5314, Jackson, MS 39216-1314, (601) 354-6240.

Louisville: 203 North Columbus Avenue, P.O. Box 503, Louisville, MS 39339-0503, (601) 773-7132.

McComb: 300 Marion Avenue, Box 522, McComb, MS 39648-0522, (601) 684-3392.

Meridian: 1002 20th Street, P.O. Box 1547, Meridian, MS 39302-1547, (601) 693-6568.

Natchez: 114 Fry Building, Natchez, MS 39120-3297, (601) 442-7322.

Oxford: Highway 7 South, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655-1111, (601) 234-1476, ext. 250, ext. 251.

Oxford: North Mississippi Retardation Center, Highway 7 South, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655-1111, (601) 234-1476, ext. 252, ext. 253.

Tupelo: 615-A Pegram Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801-6321, (601) 844-5830.

REHABILITATION

Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2550 Peachtree Street
P.O. Box 5314
Jackson, MS 39296-5314
(601) 364-2700
Adele Crudden, Director

Type of Agency: Personal adjustment center with evaluation and training in personal and vocational areas.

Mission: To provide evaluation, training, and counseling services to persons who are blind/visually impaired.

Funded by: Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Independent Living Services and fees for out-of-state trainees.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours/day.

Program Accessibility: Accessible to wheelchair users and deaf persons.

Staff: Approximately 32.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 176.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; deaf-blind or multihandicapped.

Area Served: Mississippi; accepts out-of-state referrals as space is available.

Age Requirements: 18 and older.

Health: General medical and ophthalmological evaluations.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Comprehensive social and psychological evaluations; personal and group counseling provided.

Educational: Evaluations.

Reading: Library services; aids; computer literacy.

Residential: Dormitory space available for 34 trainees.

Rehabilitation: Home and personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Training and activities for independent participation in community programs; physical conditioning.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; vocational information and job-seeking skills; vocational training in business enterprise program; clerical work and data entry.

Computer Training: Access and word-processing skills.

Low Vision: Evaluation and training; specialized evaluation/treatment available on site; treatment and services as needed.

Low Vision Aids: Recommended as needed.

Mississippi Industries for the Blind

2501 North West Street
P.O. Box 4417
Jackson, MS 39296-4417
(601) 355-0212 or (601) 354-7375
FAX: (601) 987-3892
Gabe Fuqua, Executive Director

Mission: To provide blind persons with employment.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 20.

History/Date: Est. 1938.

Employment: Employment training.

Local Offices:

Meridian: Mississippi Industries for the Blind, 232 Bonita Road, P.O. Box 885, Meridian, MS 39301, (601) 393-5525, FAX (601) 693-5569, Ronny Salter, Manager.

Royal Maid Association for the Blind, Inc.

1096 Royal Maid Drive
P.O. Drawer 30
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
(601) 894-1771
FAX: (601) 894-2993
John L. Granger, President, C.E.O.

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for persons who are totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, multiply disabled blind, learning disabled blind, mentally retarded blind, emotionally disturbed blind, and clients with epilepsy and other disabilities if also blind.

Funded by: Workshop sales, rehabilitation teaching fees, and contributions.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: All locations meet accessibility guidelines.

Staff: 45 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1966.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 2,000.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Mississippi.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years and over.

Health: Contracts for medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual counseling.

Educational: Vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Regular training programs; summer and short-term training.

Residential: Group homes for developmentally disabled blind adults. Dorm for clients in training.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Contracts for recreational/leisure services. Evening and weekend programs.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

Local Offices:

Ellisville: Royal Maid, Ellisville State School Division, Ellisville, MS 39437, (601) 477-9384, ext. 252.

Gulfport: Royal Maid, Gulf Coast Division, Gulfport, MS 39501, (601) 865-0324, FAX (601) 864-0605.

Jackson: Work Study Program, 1252 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211, (601) 987-3952.

Natchez: 800 Washington Street, Natchez, MS 39120, (601) 442-2090.

Sanitorium: P.O. Box 128, Sanitorium, MS 39112, (601) 849-3321.

Tupelo: Royal Maid, Tupelo Division, Tupelo, MS 38801, (601) 841-1640.

Whitfield: Royal Maid, Hudspeth Center, Whitfield, MS 39193, (601) 939-8640.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2550 Peachtree Street
P.O. Box 5314
Jackson, MS 39296-5314
(601) 364-2700
Adele Crudden, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen

magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 987-4986
Mattie Foster, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

◆ **Low Vision Services**

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Mississippi Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Association

561 Medical Drive
Clarksdale, MS 38614
(601) 627-5256
Tom S. Cooper, M.D., President

Mississippi Optometric Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 16441
Jackson, MS 39236-0441
(601) 956-7412
Helen A. St. Clair, CAE, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

**University Medical Center,
Department of Ophthalmology**
2500 North State Street

Jackson, MS 39216-4505
(601) 984-5020
FAX: (601) 984-5031
Samuel B. Johnson, M.D.,
Chairman of Ophthalmology
Mark Cloer, Director, Low Vision

Funded by: Client fees and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Jackson, MS 39215
(601) 364-2650
Joe Carballo, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

◆ **Aging Services**

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Council on Aging Division of Aging and Adult Services

421 West Pascagoula Street
Jackson, MS 39203-3524
(601) 949-2070 or Information and referral in-state (800) 222-7622
James R. Johnson, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation for the Blind
Mississippi Department of
Rehabilitation Services**
P.O. Box 4872

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♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(314) 751-4909
FAX: (314) 526-4404
John Heskett, Coordinator of Special Education

Mission: Administers supplementary state funds for visually impaired students attending local schools. Provides consultation on educational services.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Missouri.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

Specific questions regarding services should be directed to the local school district. All services are provided in compliance with IDEA, P.L. 94-142.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Section of Special Education Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(314) 751-0185
FAX: (314) 526-4404
Melodie Friedebach, Assistant Director

Early intervention and special education services to children with disabilities, ages birth to five years.

SCHOOLS

Blue Springs Special Services Center

2103 West Vesper
Blue Springs, MO 64015
(816) 244-1360
Annie Leonard, Principal

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Funded by: P.L. 94-142 monies.

Staff: 25 full time (includes teachers, occupational and speech therapists, and aides), 1 part time; uses volunteers as classroom and occupational therapy aides.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Number of Clients Served: 34.

Transportation: Y.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; adaptive equipment. Center-based day program for severely disabled deaf-blind/multiply disabled students from 3 to 21 years of age.

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320 or toll-free in Missouri (800) 622-5672
FAX: (314) 776-1875
Dr. Yvonne S. Howze, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Educational with residential component and outreach services.

Funded by: State and federal funds; some private donations.

Budget: 1992: \$4.8 million.

Staff: 161.

Number of Clients Served: 1986: 115.

Eligibility: Legally blind; resident of Missouri.

Area Served: Missouri.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5-21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available as needed.

Educational: Grades K-12.

Educational programs for children who are blind, multiply disabled or deaf-blind.

Preschools: Only home-based services through parent involvement network.

Professional Training: Weekends with the Experts training program for all professionals working with children, youths and adults who are blind/visually impaired.

Reading: Print; braille; computer disks.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Offered in conjunction with adult-service providers.

Recreational: NCASVH conference participant for varsity sports; special olympics.

Employment: On- and off-campus jobs for students; supported work project.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Functional vision assessments on request.

Low Vision Aids: Issued by school optometrist.

Low Vision Follow-up:

Conducted through Outreach Services Division.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired

400 West 57th Street
Kansas City, MO 64113
(816) 333-3166
FAX: (816) 333-3268

Mary Lynne Dolembro, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To prepare young blind and visually impaired children to function at their highest potential in the sighted world. Provides highly specialized instruction and family education and works to educate the community about visual impairment.

Funded by: Private donations, income from endowment, state funds, United Way, tuition from local school districts, fund-raising events.

Budget: \$415,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM; September-May; July summer session.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 6 full time (program director, social worker, four teachers); 12 part time (teachers, therapists, and administrators); 30 classroom volunteers. Physical therapist and medical specialist available as consultants.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 65.

Eligibility: Any child with a visual impairment. Birth through kindergarten.

Area Served: Serves 35-mile radius of Kansas City (consultation beyond in Kansas and Missouri).

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth through kindergarten age.

Health: Hearing screening.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; other social and health services available on consultant or referral basis.

Educational: Parent training, adaptive physical education. Center-based program with home component providing direct instruction in all developmental areas.

Preschools: For children aged 2 to kindergarten.

Professional Training: Sponsored workshops.

Reading: Braille and print.

Rehabilitation: Placement assistance, orientation/mobility, adaptive equipment, occupational therapy, speech pathology.

Recreational: Summer school for children aged 3-7.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Center-based program with home component for visually impaired 0-3 year olds, with or without other impairments. Classes for visually impaired 3-5 year olds.

Consultant services to other programs available.

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments

8900A Manchester Road
St. Louis, MO 63144-2622

(314) 963-0376

David C. Ekin, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Educational, developmental, and support services to visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled children birth-5 and their families.

Funded by: Private donations; income from capital funds; local fund raising efforts; insurance; state/local contracts; special events.

Budget: 1992.: \$380,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM; some evenings/weekends.

Staff: 8 full time, 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Number of Clients Served: 90 annually.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Serves 50-mile radius (includes city of St. Louis; St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Franklin, and Illinois counties).

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth - 5.

Health: Health and social services available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent support group; parent counseling; referrals to community programs; placement in school assistance; social evaluations.

Preschools: Developmental training; vision training; infant stimulation program. Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Speech therapy, state certified itinerant and center-based program.

Reading: Library.

Rehabilitation: Toy-lending program.

Recreational: Parent activities.

Low Vision: Functional vision evaluation.

Low Vision Aids: Refers to other sources.

Low Vision Follow-up: On-going or consulting.

Home and center-based programs for visually impaired children, 0-5 years, with or without additional disabilities.

Consultant services to other programs.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110

(314) 776-4320 or (800) 622-5672

Linda Van Eck-Niedringhaus,
Division Director, Outreach
Services

Jennie Mascheck, Vision Supervisor

Age Requirements: 0-5 years for preschool program; 3-21 years for other services.

Assessment: Functional vision assessment, orientation and mobility assessment, and other assessments available on a direct service basis.

Consultation to Public Schools: Consultation services available.

Materials Production:

Coordinates requests for service with American Printing House for the Blind Materials Center on campus.

Parent Assistance: Direct in-home services.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320, ext. 32 or toll-free in Missouri (800) 622-5672
FAX: (314) 776-1875
Sondra Argabright, Librarian,
Instructional Resource Center

Area Served: Entire state.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Regular print; braille; large-print.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Some assistive devices on short-term loan.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

600 West Main
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387
(314) 751-8720 or toll-free in Missouri (800) 392-2614
FAX: (314) 751-3612
Elizabeth Eckles, Librarian

Type of Agency: Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Mission: To provide library and information services to any Missouri resident unable to read standard print due to a physical disability.

Funded by: State revenue.

Budget: \$294,557.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 13.5 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1924.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 14,000.

Eligibility: Unable to read standard print.

Area Served: Missouri.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids for in-library and demonstration purposes.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large-type magazines, tapes. Reader service available.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Beth Shalom Braille Committee

617 West 101th Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64114
(816) 942-8334
Sylvia Katz, Secretary

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Low Vision Library Kansas City Association for the Blind

Kansas City Public Library
311 East 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 842-7559

Groups Served: All groups; individuals, schools, businesses.

Types/Content: Textbooks, business materials, items of personal interest.

Media Formats: Braille, cassette tape.

Midwestern Braille Volunteers

325 North Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
(314) 966-5828
FAX: (314) 966-0388
C. Howard Adams, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, miscellaneous.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Available on request.

Special School District, Saint Louis County

12110 Clayton Road
Town and Country, MO 63131
(314) 569-8226
Arthur L. Kelley, Area Vision Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, supplementary academic.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Talking Tapes for the Blind

3015 South Brentwood Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63144
(314) 968-2557
FAX: (314) 968-2557
Marianne Vahlkamp, Director

Area Served: Missouri; some out-of-state service.

Age Requirements: School-age children; adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Cassettes.

Title Listings: Catalog available on request.

Records textbooks and other printed material not available elsewhere for blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled persons.

Circulating library of 4,249 books on tape.

RADIO READING

Audiovision Information Service

University of Missouri at Kansas City
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
(816) 235-1552
Ann Cartwright, SCA Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Area Served: 100-mile radius from Kansas City.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Greater St. Louis Affiliate

570 Derhake Road
Florissant, MO 63033
(314) 997-4625
Julie Landa, President
Suasan Kneznekoff, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Optometric Association

Braille Sports Foundation

Herald House

Lutheran Library for the Blind

Services to the Blind

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Missouri Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

619 East Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(314) 751-4249
FAX: (314) 751-4984
Dave Vogel, Deputy Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide vocational and independent living rehabilitation services. To create opportunities for eligible blind and visually impaired persons so they may attain personal and vocational success.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: 1992: \$6,424,606.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 90.79 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1915.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 6,599.

Eligibility: Legal blindness; 20/70 or worse corrected acuity in the better eye, if individual has a progressive eye disease.

Area Served: Missouri.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Vision screening and glaucoma testing services.

Additional eye care services to eligible persons include diagnosis and follow-up treatment that may include surgery, hospitalization, eyeglasses, medication, and prostheses.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services; psychological testing; counseling with parents of blind children.

Educational: Postsecondary for vocational rehabilitation clients, based on economic need.

Preschools: Instruction in preschool developmental activities.

Rehabilitation: Diagnosis and evaluation; counseling and guidance; referral; physical and mental restoration; instruction in personal management, communication techniques, homemaking activities, travel; home mechanics and economics; orientation/mobility.

Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; job development and placement; support services; post-employment services; services to family members; training and placement of blind persons in vending facilities and other small business enterprises; supervision and management services.

Computer Training: For vocational rehabilitation clients, based on economic needs.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Based on economic need.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Jefferson City: 210C East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, (314) 751-2714, FAX (314) 526-4526.

Kansas City: 615 East Thirteenth Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 889-2677, FAX (816) 889-2881.

St. Ann: 10449 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO 63074-1827, FAX (314) 426-3560.

St. Louis: Number Two Campbell Plaza, Suite 300, St. Louis, MO 63139, (314) 647-6110, FAX (314) 647-7819.

Sikeston: P.O. Box 369, 808 Hunter, Sikeston, MO 63801, (314) 472-5240, FAX (314) 472-5248.

Springfield: 149 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65806, (417) 859-6386, FAX (417) 895-6392.

REHABILITATION

Blind Focus

Rehabilitation Institute

2801 Wyandotte Street, Third Floor
Kansas City, MO 64108

(816) 753-6533

FAX: (816) 756-1884

Barbara Schaefer, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Comprehensive rehabilitation.

Funded by: Client fees.

Budget: 1992: \$800,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 23.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Number of Clients Served: 60 annually.

Eligibility: Fee sponsorship, ability to take care of basic personal needs.

Area Served: Primarily Missouri and Kansas; other states on request.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 14 years or over.

Health: Refers for eye health; provides occupational/physical/speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Provides social and psychological evaluation/testing, counseling. Refers for community services, school placement.

Educational: College prep and general academics for disabled persons.

Professional Training: Provides training/supervised fieldwork in occupational therapy and vocational evaluation.

Reading: Talking book records/cassette players; braille/recorded magazines; transcription; closed-circuit television; information and referral services available.

Residential: 5 available apartments.

Rehabilitation: Vocational/daily living/communication skills.

Recreational: Refers for continuing education, arts/crafts, programs for elderly persons.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; placement; training; follow-up services available. Refers for job retraining.

Computer Training: Computers accessible to blind persons. Adaptive computer technology training.

Low Vision: Refers for eye treatment, prescriptions and fittings.

Blind Girls Home

221 West Washington Avenue
Kirkwood, MO 63122

(314) 966-6034

Clare Turner, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit: intermediate care home and licensed nursing facility.

Mission: To provide life care to blind or legally blind women.

Funded by: Contributions, endowment.

Budget: \$850,000.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Staff: 40.

History/Date: Est. 1866.

Number of Clients Served: 28.

Eligibility: Female; blind or legally blind; residents of Missouri; ambulatory.

Area Served: Missouri.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 21; average age 86.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Contracted as needed. In-house support group.

Reading: Braille material/library. Talking book program available.

Residential: Intermediate care home; private rooms.

Rehabilitation: Services contracted. Mobility training and orientation training provided.

Recreational: Occasional activities provided.

Low Vision Aids: Annual eye exams provided.

Kansas City Association for the Blind

1844 Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64108

(816) 421-5848

FAX: (816) 421-6523

Thomas Healy, Executive Director

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, and United Way.

Staff: 6 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1916.

Eligibility: Blind and/or severely handicapped.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Consultation and referral services.

Reading: Talking book record and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; sheltered workshop.

Lighthouse for the Blind

10440 Trenton Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132
(314) 423-4333
FAX: (314) 423-0139
Ed Lanser, President

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop.

Mission: Provides training and employment for blind and legally blind men and women.

Funded by: Workshop sales; sub-contracts; endowment.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

Staff: 3 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1933.

Number of Clients Served: 90.

Eligibility: 20/200 vision or worse in both eyes with best correction. Field restriction of 10 degrees.

Area Served: St. Louis metropolitan area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation services.

Rehabilitation: Personal management.

Employment: Evaluation and prevocational training. Sheltered workshop.

Local Offices:

Berkeley: Lighthouse for the Blind Industries, 8833 Fleischer Place, Berkeley, MO 63143, (314) 522-3141, Steve Wenger, Plant Manager.

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

7954 Big Bend Boulevard
Webster Groves, MO 63119
(314) 968-9000
Marion P. Peck, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide education and training to facilitate physical, psychological, and social rehabilitation and independence

for blind and visually impaired adults; to promote prevention of blindness; to provide public information about visual impairment.

Funded by: Capital income, community contributions and Lions Club.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Program accessible.

Staff: 6 full time, 5 part time. Uses and trains volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1911.

Number of Clients Served: 450-500.

Eligibility: Visually impaired and multiply disabled.

Area Served: St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Age Requirements: Adult.

Health: Public education program; eye safety programs for school and industry; post-operative eye care; visual acuity and glaucoma screening. Provides eyeglasses/prostheses for medically indigent. Provides consulting services to low vision clinics and health care professionals.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family, individual, counseling; information and referral. Group counseling on site and at senior living sites.

Professional Training: Low vision training. Provides in-service training for universities, schools and hospitals.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services at nursing homes, hospitals, technical schools, schools and universities.

Recreational: Trips to symphony, Muni-opera. In-home and on-site recreation program for older adults. Helps Missouri Chapter of United States Association for Blind

Athletes and St. Louis teams of the U.S. Blind Bowlers Association.

Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic; has loan program.

Low Vision Aids: Provides low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Through clinic and home follow-up.

Service Club for the Blind

4312 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 533-6716 or (314) 533-6718
Fred Keller, President

Mission: Services for children and adults. Provides emergency relief, clothing, and medicine; improves home conditions.

Funded by: Endowment and contributions.

Staff: 4 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Eligibility: Less than 5 percent vision.

Area Served: St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Health: Sells aids and appliances on order.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services.

Employment: Home employment program.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**Low Vision Library****Kansas City Association for the Blind**

Kansas City Public Library
311 East 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 842-7559
Kelly Guthrie

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen

magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320
Doris Gros, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors.

◆ **Low Vision Services**

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Missouri Ophthalmological Society

Mason Institute of Ophthalmology
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO 65212
(314) 882-1027
Joseph Giangiacomo, M.D.,
President

Missouri Optometric Association, Inc.

417 East High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101-3274
(314) 635-6151
Herman Oligschlaeger

LOW VISION CENTERS

Barnes Eye Clinic

1 Barnes Hospital Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 362-5312
Carrie S. Gaines, O.D., Director,
Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees and hospital.

Staff: Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; optician.

Number of Clients Served: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase. On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient.

Bethesda Eye Institute St. Louis University

3655 Vista
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 577-6038
David Schanzlin, Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Thurs.
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Counselors; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; ophthalmology resident.

History/Date: 1986.

Number of Clients Served: 150-200/year.

Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Professional Training: Clinical training for ophthalmology residents and optometry students.

Low Vision: Complete evaluation and prescription service.

Low Vision Aids: Loaned at no charge; sold at cost; prescribed/fitted.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center VICTORS Program

4801 Linwood Boulevard

Kansas City, MO 64128
(816) 861-4700, ext. 661, 662
Dr. Joseph Maino, Chief

Funded by: Federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Eligibility: Visually impaired veterans.

Area Served: Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska; referrals from other areas considered.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and family counseling available.

Rehabilitation: Intensive 5-day inpatient rehabilitation program for partially sighted veterans.

Low Vision: Evaluation and on-site training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visits; phone interviews; support groups.

Low Vision Rehabilitation Program

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Department of Ophthalmology

2300 Holmes Street
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 881-6157
Donald C. Fletcher M.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provide low vision rehabilitation services to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Funded by: Client fees; insurance payments.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; occupational therapist; orientation and mobility specialist.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 1,000 annually.

Eligibility: None.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support groups.

Rehabilitation: Outpatient rehabilitation training for independence in activities of daily living.

Low Vision: Training to maximize usefulness of residual vision.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site or in-home training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visits.

Optometric Center of St. Louis

3940 Lindell Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63108

(314) 535-5016

Daniel D. Seibert, O.D., Director,
Low Vision Specialist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Owned by University of Missouri-
St. Louis School of Optometry.

Funded by: Client fees; Lions
Club; state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmic assistant;
ophthalmic technician; optometrist;
optometry students.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Eligibility: Current
ophthalmologist report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Professional Training: Training
for optometry students.

Low Vision: Optical rehabilitation
services.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
purchase; sold at cost. Refers for
training.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies
according to patient.

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

7954 Big Bend Boulevard

Webster Groves, MO 63119

(314) 968-9000

Linda Barbier Bularzik, Low Vision
Clinic Coordinator

Hours of Operation: By
appointment only, Wednesday.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision
specialist.

Low Vision: Low vision exams;
instruction on use of aids; referrals
to related services.

Low Vision Aids: Prescription and
nonprescription devices for sale
and loan.

Low Vision Follow-up: After one
month.

Washington University Eye Center

**Department of Ophthalmology
and Visual Sciences**

Low Vision Service

660 South Euclid Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110

(800) 543-2733

Carrie S. Gaines, O.D., Director,
Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Wed. from
9 AM; Tues. from 1 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; ophthalmic
technician; social worker;
occupational therapist; physical
therapist; psychologist; diabetic
nurse specialist; audiologist;
optician; ophthalmologist.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes or purchase.
On-site or in-home or at-work
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies
according to patient.

◆ **Aging Services**

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division of Aging

**Missouri Department of Social
Services**

615 Howerton Court

P.O. Box 1337

Jefferson City, MO 65102-1337

(800) 235-5503

Edwin Walker, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

MONTANA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Montana Department of Curriculum Division of Special Education

Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620
(406) 444-4429
FAX: (406) 444-3924
Robert Runkel, State Director of Special Education
Marilyn Pearson, Education of the Handicapped Act/Part B
June Miller, Deaf-Blind Specialist

Type of Agency: A unit of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mission: Administers through affiliate, the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, the federal quota system for providing visually impaired children with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Through the same affiliate, it provides braille, large-type, and recorded material to the visually impaired students in local schools and has a repository of large-type textbooks. Also provides training on computer aids and devices.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Area Served: Montana.

For information about local facilities, consult the Director of Special Education or Superintendent, Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, Great Falls, Montana 59401.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Developmental Disabilities Division Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 4210
Helena, MT 59604
(406) 444-0230
FAX: (406) 444-1970
Jan Spiegle, Early Intervention Division

Children in Montana who meet eligibility requirements and their families may receive a broad array of services based on individual need, including family training and support, assistive technology services, audiology services, family counseling, home visits, medical services for diagnostic purposes, nursing services, occupational therapy services, physical therapy services, psychological services, service coordination services, social work services, speech/language services, transportation, and vision services.

SCHOOLS

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

3911 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT 59405-1697
(406) 453-1401
Luther Prickett, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential school.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: \$3.2 million annually.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours/day.

Staff: 13 full time. Shared speech and physical therapist.

History/Date: Est. 1893.

Number of Clients Served: 27 on campus; 160 in outreach program.

Eligibility: Auditory or visual impairment that is educationally significant.

Area Served: Montana.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Speech and physical therapy. Refers, contracts, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Grades K through 12 and nongraded. General academic programs.

Preschools: Home-based parent-infant program for children birth-3 years. On-campus preschool program.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork/placement in orientation/mobility; special education.

Reading: Lends cassette player; braille books; large-print books. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

Residential: Cottages.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; residential summer/camp. Provides for other recreational services.

Employment: Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for employment services.

Computer Training: Computer lab.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation and low vision aids available through Montana low vision services.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

3911 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT 59405-1697
(406) 453-1401
FAX: (406) 453-1401
Bill Davis, Principal

Funded by: State funds.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Assessment: Visual impairment assessment team performs assessments of visually impaired students at the request of parents or teachers.

Consultation to Public Schools: Three resource consultants provide services throughout the state.

Direct Service: Orientation and mobility; speech therapy; physical therapy.

Parent Assistance: Parent-teacher Houseparent Aide Program.

Materials Production: Braille.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Montana State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1515 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59620
(406) 444-2064 or (800) 332-3400
FAX: (406) 444-5612
Sandra Jarvie, Librarian
Alberta Blanton, Machine Lending
Information

Regional library supplying talking books, large-type books, and cassettes. Distributes talking book machines. Braille readers served by Utah State Library.

RADIO READING

Eastern Montana Radio Reading Service

East Montana College
1925 Grant Avenue, Suite 106
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 259-5181
Bruce Breslauer, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1988.

Area Served: South Central, East and West Montana.

Western Montana Radio Reading Services

924 South Third West
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 721-1998
Germaine Conrad, Director
Dianna Riley, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: 150-mile radius from Missoula, covers 10 counties in western Montana.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Montana Volunteer Information Resource Center

Box 498
Black Eagle, MT 59414
(406) 562-3542
Serena Kraft, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Visual Services Division Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

111 Sanders
P.O. Box 4210
Helena, MT 59604
(406) 444-2590
FAX: (406) 444-3632
Joe A. Mathews, Administrator

Type of Agency: Federal and state.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Fees, government grants.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1937.

Eligibility: Visual condition that is a vocational handicap.

Area Served: Statewide.

Age Requirements: Adults.

Health: Contracts and refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and

community; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Billings: 1211 Grand, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 252-5601.

Butte: Executive Village, 517 East Front, Butte, MT 59701, (406) 723-6537.

Great Falls: 1818 Tenth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 727-7740.

Missoula: 1018 Burlington, Room 101, Missoula, MT 59801, (406) 721-4910.

REHABILITATION

Rocky Mountain Development Council

201 Last Chance Gulch
P.O. Box 1717
Helena, MT 59624
(406) 442-1552 or (800) 356-6544
Cindy Baril, Director of Visually Impaired, Senior Companion

Recreational: Senior Companion Program, offering companion and chore services to elderly blind and visually impaired persons.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Parents, Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK)

1500 North 30th Street
Billings, MT 59101-0298
(406) 657-2055
FAX: (406) 657-2061
Roger Holt, Database Technician

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Montana Academy of Ophthalmology

2825 Eighth Avenue North
P.O. Box 35100
Billings, MT 59107
(406) 256-2500
James S. Good, M.D., President

Montana and South Dakota Academy of Ophthalmology

23 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601
(605) 449-2334
FAX: (406) 449-3156
Gloria Hermanson, Executive Director

Montana Optometric Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 908
Helena, MT 59624
(406) 442-1432
Roland D. Pratt

LOW VISION CENTERS

Montana Low Vision Service, Inc.

715 North Fee Street
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 442-0668 or toll-free in Montana and Idaho (800) 451-3226

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provide low vision evaluations and dispense optical/nonoptical aids to all who can benefit. Also act as a referral source to other helpful organizations.

Funded by: Client fees; foundation grants; Lions; Lioness Clubs of Montana.

Hours of Operation: Helena: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM; Billings: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Staff: Helena: 3. Billings: 1.

History/Date: Helena: est. 1977; Billings: 1986.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 270 per year.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited, primarily Montana and northern Wyoming.

Computer Training: Access for demonstration; training for aids/devices.

Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Loaned for trial (no charge); purchase; prescribed/fitted.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview.

Local Offices:

Billings: Low Vision Clinic, Securities Building, Room 510, 2708 First Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101, (406) 248-1941 (800) 228-1941 toll-free in Montana and Wyoming.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Governor's Office on Aging

State Capital Building, Room 219
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

(406) 444-3111 or Information & Referral (800) 332-2272

Hank Hudson, Aging Coordinator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING
PROGRAMS****Montana Department of Social
and Rehabilitation Services
Rehabilitation and Visual
Services Division**

111 Sanders

P.O. Box 4210

Helena, MT 59604

(406) 444-2590

Joe A. Mathews, Administrator

Bob Maffit, Project Director

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

NEBRASKA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2471

Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education
Carol McClain, State Consultant, Visually Handicapped

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides consultative services for the establishment and operation of educational programs for children with visual impairments.

Funded by: Public funds (state, local, and federal funds).

Area Served: Nebraska.

Age Requirements: Birth to 21 years.

Educational: Consultation with educators serving students with visual impairments, to assist with program planning, instructional and material modifications, and accessing resources.

Professional Training: Staff development for regular and special educators.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Special Education Section, Part H Program

Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94987

Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2471
FAX: (402) 471-0117
Judy Constantin, Early Childhood Consultant
Jan Thalen, Part H Coordinator

Special education services provided through local school districts for eligible children from birth or date of diagnosis.

SCHOOLS

Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

824 Tenth Avenue
P.O. Box 129
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-5513
FAX: (402) 873-3463
William Mann, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and orthopedically disabled persons.

Funded by: State and federal funds, local schools through tuition, out-of-state contracts, and limited trust fund dollars.

Budget: 1991: \$1,400,000.

Hours of Operation: Office hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 39 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1875.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 24.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: State of Nebraska; will accept out-of-state contracts.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Kindergarten to age 21.

Health: Contracts and refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations;

placement in school. Contracts for other counseling/social services.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Open during summer months for assessment purposes.

Professional Training: Pre-service and in-service training site for University of Nebraska-Lincoln vision teacher endorsement program.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.

Residential: 5 days per week during regular school months.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; speech; music.

Employment: Job training opportunities available for some students.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices. Word processing.

Low Vision: Assessments conducted and recommendations supplied to school.

Low Vision Aids: Assessments or referral available.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Early Childhood Special Education

Omaha Public Schools

TAC
3215 Cuming Street

Omaha, NE 68131-2024

(402) 554-6373

Gene Schwarting, Project Director

Nancy Oberst, Resource

Consultant, (402) 554-6182

Type of Agency: Public school.

Funded by: P.L. 94-142 (incentive grants).

Staff: 43 full time (includes early childhood/visually handicapped teachers); orientation/mobility specialist available as consultant. 7 service coordinators.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Omaha area.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling; psychological evaluations; other social services.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; auditory and sensory training; adaptive equipment. Home teaching for children with health restrictions; classrooms for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and noncategorical; and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children, with or without other handicaps, 3-5 years.

Preschools: Home-based program and consultation to primary caretaker for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants, with or without other handicaps, 0-2 years.

Rehabilitation: Physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South

P.O. Box 94987

Lincoln, NE 68509

(402) 471-2471

Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: State general funds and federal IDEA funds.

Staff: Outreach cadre teachers with certifications in visual impairment; services brokered by consultant.

Area Served: Nebraska.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: In-home and center-based assistance to meet needs of students with visual impairments in all developmental areas.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

824 Tenth Avenue

P.O. Box 129

Nebraska City, NE 68410

(402) 873-5513

FAX: (402) 873-3463

William Mann, Administrator

Funded by: State, federal, and local funds.

History/Date: Est. 1865.

Age Requirements: Birth through 21 years.

Assessment: Birth through 21 years.

Consultation to Public Schools: By request from school districts.

Direct Service: On campus.

Parent Assistance: On request.

Materials Production: Limited to serving Nebraska city public schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Nebraska Diagnostic Resource Center

1910 Meridian Avenue

Cozad, NE 69130

(308) 784-4525

FAX: (308) 784-4529

Dawn Smock, Media Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, transition material, and resource materials.

Media Formats: Large print; braille.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Nebraska

Department of Special Education

318 Barkley Center

Lincoln, NE 68583-0738

(402) 472-5495

FAX: (402) 472-7697

Dewaine Alcorn, (402) 472-3955

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) program for teachers of visually impaired students.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Blind and Physically Handicapped Program

North Platte Public Library

120 West Fourth Street

North Platte, NE 69101-3993

(308) 535-8039

Brenda Behsman, Librarian

Subregional library.

Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1420 P Street

Lincoln, NE 68508
 (402) 471-2045 or toll-free in
 Nebraska (800) 742-7691 or TDD
 (402) 471-4038
 FAX: (402) 471-2083
 David Oertli, Director
 Judy Tuttle, Machine Lending
 Information

Type of Agency: State library.
Mission: Free library service to
 individuals unable to use regular
 print because of visual or physical
 impairment.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$513,214.

Hours of Operation: Mon.- Fri.
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 10.5 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 4,800.

Eligibility: Blind, visually
 impaired, physically disabled, and
 reading disabled persons.

Area Served: Nebraska.

Reading: Talking books,
 magazines, playback equipment,
 and braille.

Computer Training: Assistive
 technology computer workstation
 within facility for public access.

Regional library providing talking
 books on disk or tape.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Nebraska Department of Education

P.O. Box 94987
 Lincoln, NE 68509
 (402) 471-2471
 Lyle Drieling, Nebraska Diagnostic
 Resource Center
 William Mann, Nebraska School
 for the Visually Handicapped

Area Served: Nebraska.

Groups Served: Birth to age 21.

Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1420 P Street
 Lincoln, NE 68508
 (402) 471-2045 or toll-free in
 Nebraska (800) 742-7691 or TDD
 (402) 471-4038
 David Oertli, Director

Area Served: Nebraska.

Groups Served: K-12, college
 students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational,
 newsletter information.

Media Formats: Braille books,
 talking books/cassettes, large print
 books.

Title Listings: Provided at no
 charge.

Special Education Media Center

3215 Cuming Street
 Room 4029
 Omaha, NE 68131-2024
 (402) 554-6310
 Marilyn R. Adams, Media Specialist

Area Served: Omaha public
 schools.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print
 books.

Title Listings: Registered with
 American Printing House for the
 Blind.

RADIO READING

Radio Talking Book Service, Inc.

620 South 31st Street
 Omaha, NE 68105
 (402) 556-8176 or (800) 447-4679
 David E. Robinson, Director
 Casey Randall, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri.
 6:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
 9:30 AM-3:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Area Served: Omaha west to
 Crete, south to Auburn, north to
 Tekamah, east to Red Oak, Iowa.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Nebraska Affiliate

7101 Newport Avenue
 Suite 308
 Omaha, NE 68152
 (402) 572-3520
 Beverly J. Rudloff, Executive
 Director

See National Society to Prevent
 Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Nebraska/Iowa Affiliate

1154 South 97th Street
 Omaha, NE 68124
 (402) 391-3067
 Jean Farris, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
 Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Christian Record Services

National Camps for Blind
 Children

Prose & Cons Braille Unit

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired

4600 Valley Road
 Lincoln, NE 68510-4844
 (402) 471-2891
 FAX: (402) 483-4184
 Dr. James S. Nyman, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provide training and counseling to assist blind and visually impaired persons to overcome the difficulties of vision loss.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$2.3 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 46 full time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1943.

Number of Clients Served: 1,428.

Eligibility: All persons whose sight is so defective as to seriously limit ability to participate in the ordinary vocations and activities of life.

Area Served: Nebraska.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, family

counseling; consultation with schools, families of blind children; referral services.

Educational: Assistance with tuition, books, and other school supplies.

Residential: Apartment living for orientation and adjustment center students.

Rehabilitation: Braille, independent travel, homemaking skills; home teaching program; center training program; counseling/education on understanding of blindness, social attitudes.

Employment: Vocational counseling/career development; prevocational training; contracts for vocational training; placement and follow-up services; small business assistance; vending program.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Referral.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Local Offices:

Kearney: Services for the Visually Impaired, 906 East 25th Street, Kearney, NE 68847-4603, (402) 237-5125.

Norfolk: Services for the Visually Impaired, 600 South 13th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701-4969, (308) 370-3436.

North Platte: Services for the Visually Impaired, North Platte State Office Building, 200 South Silber, North Platte, NE 69101-4298, (308) 535-8170.

Omaha: Services for the Visually Impaired, 1313 Farnam On the Mall, Omaha, NE 68102, (402) 595-2041.

Scottsbluff: Services for the Visually Impaired, 4500 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 632-1304.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired

600 South 13th Street
Norfolk, NE 68701-4969
(402) 370-3436
FAX: (402) 370-3436
Glenn Ervin, Counselor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

P.O. Box 129
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-5513
FAX: (402) 873-3463
William Mann, Superintendent

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille

access systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; training for instructors.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Nebraska Academy of Ophthalmology

329 West 40th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-3911
Mylan Van Newkirk, M.D.,
President

Nebraska Optometric Association, Inc.

201 North Eighth Street
Suite 400
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-7716
FAX: (402) 476-6547
David S. McBride, Executive
Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Ophthalmology Department University of Nebraska Medical Center

3925 Dewey Avenue
Omaha, NE 68198
(402) 559-4170
FAX: (402) 559-5514
Howard Dinsdale, M.D., Director
Kathy Von Dollen, R.N.,
Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provide low vision services.

Funded by: Client fees; foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; R.N. low vision specialist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial at no charge; on-site and in-home training.

Low Vision Follow-up: At regular intervals by appointment or by telephone.

◆ ***Aging Services***

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Nebraska Department on Aging

301 Centennial Mall South

P.O. Box 95044

Lincoln, NE 68509

(402) 471-2306

Jacklyn Smith, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

NEVADA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Nevada Department of Education

400 West King Street
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 687-3140 (voice and TDD)
Gloria Dopf, Director, Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides training, technical assistance, consultation, information dissemination, funds administration, and planning for special education services in Nevada's 17 school districts and in other agencies which provide services to students with disabilities, ages 3 through 21. Conducts comprehensive monitoring to ensure compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations in programs which serve students with disabilities.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Nevada.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Mike Becker, Area Supervisor, Services to the Blind, 308 North Curry, Carson City, NV 89710, (702) 687-4444.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Childhood Services

Division of Child and Family Services

Nevada Department of Human Resources

480 Galletti Way
Building 1

Sparks, NV 89431
(702) 688-2284
FAX: (702) 688-2558
Marilyn K. Walter, Chief

Writes grants to fund outreach programs to rural areas; contracts with professionals specializing in visual impairment; operates home-based, statewide outreach program to serve young children and their families outside a 50-mile radius of Sparks.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Las Vegas-Clark County Library

1401 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 733-7810 or (702) 733-1935
Ann Langevin, Librarian
Darrell Batson, Special Services,
(702) 382-3493

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Southern Nevada.

Subregional library supplying talking books on disk and cassette.

Nevada State Library and Archives

Talking Book Program

Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 687-5154 or toll-free in Nevada (800) 922-2880, ext. 5154 or TDD (702) 687-5160
FAX: (702) 887-2630
Leslie M. Peterson, Librarian

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Nevada.

Regional library supplying talking books on disk and cassette.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Clark County School District

2832 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(702) 799-5011
FAX: (702) 799-4195
Andrew Macklberg, Coordinating Teacher, Visually Impaired Program
Ronald Malcolm, Coordinator, Sensory Deficit Program,
(702) 799-5266

Area Served: Clark County.

Groups Served: Preschool through 12th grade. Ages 3 to 22.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind

Kinthead Building
505 East King Street, Room 503
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 687-4444
FAX: (702) 687-5980
Mervin J. Flander, Bureau Chief

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational; career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Nevada State Library

Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 887-2245

Leslie M. Peterson, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.
Media Formats: None specified.
Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Talking Book Program
Las Vegas-Clark County Library
 1401 East Flamingo Road
 Las Vegas, NV 89119
 (702) 733-7810
 Ann Langevin, Librarian

Area Served: Southern Nevada.
Groups Served: All ages.

Types/Content: Recreational, educational, informational.
Media Formats: Flexible disks and cassettes.
Title Listings: None specified.

RADIO READING

Nevada Public Radio Corporation
KNPR
 5151 Boulder Highway
 Las Vegas, NV 89122
 (702) 456-6695
 Lamar Marchese, General Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1980.
Area Served: Nevada.

See also in national listings:

Northern Nevada Braille Transcribers

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind
 Kinkead Building
 505 East King Street, Room 503

Carson City, NV 89710
 (702) 687-4440
 FAX: (702) 687-5980
 Mervin J. Flander, Bureau Chief
 Stephen A. Shaw, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.
Mission: Services for blind and visually impaired individuals.
Funded by: Public funds.
Budget: 1992: \$3,700,000.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.
Program Accessibility: Y.
Staff: 30 full time.
History/Date: Est. 1965.
Number of Clients Served: 1992: 940.
Eligibility: Visual impairment that constitutes handicap to employment or independent living.
Area Served: Statewide.
Transportation: Y.

Health: Sells aids and appliances; low vision clinic; diagnostic and evaluation services.
Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services; psychological testing; counseling and guidance; adaptive living skills.
Educational: Postsecondary, college, and special diabetic education.
Reading: Reader service available.
Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications.
Recreational: Summer and winter recreation and leisure time activities.
Employment: Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; business enterprise program; follow-up service and post-employment services.
Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Y.
Low Vision Aids: Y.
Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Fallon: 31 North Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406, (702) 786-4444.
Las Vegas: 628 Belrose, Las Vegas, NV 89158, (702) 647-4111.
Reno: 1050 Matley Lane, Reno, NV 89502, (702) 789-0450.
Winnemucca: 530 Melarky Street, Suite 219, Winnemucca, NV 89445, (702) 623-3640.

REHABILITATION

Southern Nevada Sightless
 1001 North Bruce Street
 Las Vegas, NV 89101
 (702) 642-6000
 John Tait, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Funded by: Subcontracts, sale of products, individual and corporate contributions.
Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fr.
 8:30 AM-3:45 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1955.
Area Served: Las Vegas.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Instruction in independent living skills; recreation; children's program; work activities program.
Employment: Prevocational workshop and adjustment training.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Nevada Ophthalmological Society
 P.O. Box 50291
 Henderson, NV 89014
 (702) 451-2122
 Tyree Carr, M.D., President

**Nevada Optometric Association,
Inc.**

P. O. Box 709
Verdi, NV 89439
(702) 345-6153
Ida Straub

LOW VISION CENTERS**Low Vision Clinic
Nevada Bureau of Services to the
Blind**

628 Belrose
State Mall Complex
Las Vegas, NV 89158
(702) 647-4111

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Variable
schedule.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry
student/resident; rehabilitation
teacher; rehabilitation counselor;
ophthalmologist; social worker.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By phone
interview, visit to home, place of
employment at 3 and 6 months.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING
PROGRAMS****Rehabilitation Division
Nevada Department of Human
Resources**

505 East King Street
Fifth Floor
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 687-4440
Stephen A. Shaw, Administrator
Michael Becker, Project Director,
(702) 687-4444

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

♦ Aging Services**STATE UNITS ON AGING****Division for Aging Services
Nevada Department of Human
Resources**

340 North 11th Street
Suite 114
Las Vegas, NV 89101
(702) 486-3545 or (800) 243-3638
Suzanne Ernst, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New Hampshire Department of Education

State Office Park South
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3741
Robert T. Kennedy, Director,
Special Education
Ruth Littlefield, Early Childhood
Consultant

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers the federal quota system for providing visually handicapped children in local schools with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Provides information about local facilities.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Infant and Toddler Project Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

105 Pleasant Street
Hospital Administration Building
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-5144
FAX: (603) 271-5058
Jacquelyn A. Twining, Part H Early
Childhood Coordinator

Early intervention programs for
children aged 0-5.

SCHOOLS

New Hampshire Educational Services for the Sensory Impaired

117 Pleasant Street
Dolloff Building
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 226-2900
FAX: (603) 226-2907
William Finn, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Special education project contracted by state to provide educational support services.

Mission: To provide educational support to local education agencies relative to low incidence populations.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Staff: 13 staff provide consultation and materials support.

Number of Clients Served: 1,000 per year.

Eligibility: Determined by local education agency through special education placement and program process.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years of age.

Educational: Services provided to schools and homes. Staff consults on educational needs.

Professional Training: Agency provides in-service and staff training.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Multi-Sensory Intervention Through Consultation and Education (MICE)

Bureau of Special Medical Services
New Hampshire Division of Public
Health
6 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-4526
Janet Halley, Contact Person

Type of Agency: Cooperative public-private agency.

Mission: To enhance quality services to families with infants who have sensory impairments, and provide technical assistance to community based agencies.

Funded by: State funds, federal funds; private donations; in-kind contributions.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 1 full time; 8 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served: 150 annually.

Eligibility: Visually impaired children; deaf-blind children; with or without additional impairments, including those at risk.

Area Served: Entire state.

Age Requirements: 0-3 years.

Health: Provides direct visual and auditory training; consultative service; coordination with other involved agencies (health, early intervention, school districts, day care).

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; parent training; community and home-based services using itinerant model for visually impaired children.

Professional Training: In-service training regarding the developmental needs of sensory impaired infants for community-based professionals.

Reading: Parent/professional library.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

New Hampshire Educational Services for the Sensory Impaired

117 Pleasant Street
Dolloff Building
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 226-2900
FAX: (603) 226-2907
William Finn, Coordinator

Area Served: Statewide.

Groups Served: Students ages 3-21 with sensory impairments.

Types/Content: Educational.

Media Formats: Braille, large-print, electronic, audio visual.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

New Hampshire State Library Library Services to the Handicapped Division

117 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3429 or (800) 491-3429
Eileen Keim, Librarian

Type of Agency: Regional library for visually and physically impaired people.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 56.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Number of Clients Served: More than 2,000.

Area Served: New Hampshire. Braille readers served by Braille and Talking Book regional library in Massachusetts.

Regional library providing talking books, tapes, cassettes, and large type.

See also in national listings:

Chivers North America

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Bureau of Blind Services New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

78 Regional Drive
Building JB
Concord, NH 03301-9686
(603) 271-3537
Gerard J. DeAngelis, Administrator
Bruce Archambault, Director

Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$1,084,439.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 15.

History/Date: Est. 1913.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: New Hampshire.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral; psychological testing.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes. Reader service available.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; home mechanics; home economics; communications; orientation/mobility.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility program; postemployment programs.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Services available for a fee.

Local Offices:

Keene: Blind Services, 25 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431, (603) 357-0266.

Manchester: Blind Services, 361 Lincoln Street, Manchester, NH 03103, (603) 669-8733.

Nashua: Blind Services, 19 Chestnut Street, Nashua, NH 03060, (603) 889-6844.

Portsmouth: Blind Services, 147 Congress Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801, (603) 436-8884.

REHABILITATION

Camp Allen, Inc.

56 Camp Allen Road
Bedford, NH 03110-6606
(603) 622-8471
Wayne Vaughn, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Maintained jointly by the Kiwanis Club of Boston and the Lions Club of Manchester, New Hampshire.

History/Date: Est. 1932.

Camp providing year-round services for the blind, deaf, mentally retarded, and physically disabled.

New Hampshire Association for the Blind

25 Walker Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-4039 or toll-free in New Hampshire (800) 464-3075
Gale N. Stickler, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provision of basic rehabilitation/independent living services, for all ages of blind and visually impaired persons statewide.

Funded by: Contributions, capital income, sales contracts for service; client fee (sliding scale).

Budget: \$800,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Full accessible.

Staff: 15 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1912.

Number of Clients Served: 800-1,000 annually.

Eligibility: State resident with severe visual impairment.

Area Served: New Hampshire.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social work evaluations; limited individual, counseling. Refers to and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Provides consultation and training programs for staff and personnel of other organizations/agencies/institutions serving populations that include visually impaired persons.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility and rehabilitation teaching programs. Provides instruction for independent, safe travel; personal and home management; communication skills in the home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services as appropriate.

Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision eye exams.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aid prescriptions; optical aids loan and training.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Stark: RR One, P.O. Box 349A, Stark, NH 03582, (603) 636-2440.

Conducts extensive statewide public education program; speakers bureau; slides; films; displays; literature.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Bureau of Blind Services New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

78 Regional Drive
Building JB
Concord, NH 03301-9686
(603) 271-3537
Stephen Wolfe, Contact Person

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

New Hampshire Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Department of Ophthalmology
Hitchcock Clinic
Hanover, NH 03756
(603) 646-5123
Gault Farrell, M.D., President

New Hampshire Optometric Association, Inc.

8 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 225-6311
Dr. Charles W. Sweeney

LOW VISION CENTERS

New Hampshire Association for the Blind

Low Vision Program

25 Walker Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-4039 or toll-free in New
Hampshire (800) 464-3075
Gale N. Stickler, President
Rene P. Paguin, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Assists low vision persons to maximize use of remaining vision through prescription of optical aids and training in their use.

Funded by: Grants; purchase of service from third party funders; clients' fees; Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Budget: \$125,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Optometrists; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor; low/vision trainer.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Number of Clients Served: 250-275 annually.

Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: New Hampshire.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social work intake; information referral services; limited counseling.

Rehabilitation: Low vision; orientation/mobility/rehabilitation teaching; short-term social work counseling.

Low Vision: Ophthalmological consultations; eye examinations; training; and instruction.

Low Vision Aids: Prescriptions; loans and training.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment, phone interview or on-site at home, school or place of employment.

Mobile clinic scheduled at central locations statewide.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Elderly and Adult
Services**

**New Hampshire Department of
Health and Human Services**

6 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03301-6527

(603) 271-4680 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 852-3345

Richard Chevrefils, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

NEW JERSEY

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Special Education New Jersey Department of Education

225 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 292-0147

Jeffrey V. Osowski, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: A division of the New Jersey Department of Education.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: New Jersey.

For information about local facilities, consult the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Bureau of Program Review Division of Special Education New Jersey Department of Education

225 West State Street
CN 500
Trenton, NJ 08625
(800) 322-8174

FAX: (609) 984-8422
Arlene Roth, Manager

A free public awareness and referral service to assist parents, professionals, and the general public by identifying free available early intervention, preschool, or special education programs and services throughout New Jersey.

SCHOOLS

Matheny School

Main Street
Peapack, NJ 07977
(908) 234-0011
Robert Schonhorn, President

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit agency.

Mission: Services for physically disabled persons with additional learning, perceptual, and behavioral difficulties; persons who are learning disabled or mentally retarded; clients with cerebral palsy.

Staff: 120 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

Eligibility: Cerebral palsy or disability with deafness or blindness; 18 years or younger.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation. Refers for social evaluation.

Educational: Grades K through 6 and non-graded; general academic study; life skills; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy; music therapy.

Preschools: Programs for play/nursery school.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training program.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; recorded magazines.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; typing.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

St. Joseph's School for the Blind

235 Baldwin Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 653-0578
FAX: (201) 653-4087
Herbert Miller, Administrator
Stuart Wittenstein, Principal

Type of Agency: Private, Catholic nondenominational, nonsectarian, nonprofit.

Mission: Services for blind, visually impaired, multiply disabled, or deaf-blind infants, children, and adults.

Funded by: Public donations, public funds, endowments, contributions, and tuition.

Hours of Operation: School: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. School residence: Mon. - Thurs. 2:30 PM - 8:00 AM. Community residence: Sun. - Sat. 24 hours.

Staff: 70 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1891.

Number of Clients Served: 80.

Eligibility: Blindness plus other disabilities.

Area Served: New Jersey, especially the greater Jersey City metropolitan area.

Age Requirements: Birth - 40 years.

Health: Physical therapy; speech therapy; occupational therapy; nursing; consulting physicians; music therapy. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Nongraded. Infant, preschool, school-age, young adult, educational programs; activities of daily living, vocational training, and special summer programs.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education, social work, speech, and language therapy. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; Computer reading; prebraille.

Residential: Dormitory for multiply disabled children. Five-day students return home on weekends. Community residence for adults 7 days a week.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; independent living.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; swimming; community integration.

Employment: Occupational skill development; prevocational training. Vocational training.

Computer Training: Training on computers.

Low Vision: Consultants on an individual basis.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

George Meyer Instructional Resource Center

232 Frelinghuysen Avenue
Newark, NJ 07114
(201) 648-2547
FAX: (201) 824-8926

Ronnie Boorstein, Contact Person

Area Served: Primarily New Jersey; informational services to other states.

Groups Served: New Jersey Commission for the Blind Clients. (aged birth-21).

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Large print, braille.

Title Listings: Available through APH Carl (at the American Printing House for the Blind).

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, CN501
Trenton, NJ 08625-0501
(609) 292-6450 or toll-free in New Jersey (800) 792-8322 or TDD (609) 633-7250

Marya Hunsicker, Librarian
Christine Lisiecki, Machine Lending Information

Type of Agency: Library.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. and Sat. (except August) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Eligibility: New Jersey residents who are unable to use print as a result of a physical or visual impairment.

Area Served: New Jersey.

Age Requirements: 5 years and older.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, cassettes, large-print books, magazines, closed-circuit radio reading service, and video cassettes with descriptive narrative.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Madison-Chatham Braille Association

Box 541
Chatham, NJ 07928
(201) 377-4683
Helen Henshaw, President

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; including mathematics; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Recording for the Blind

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
FAX: (609) 987-8116
Ritchie L. Geisel, President and CEO

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Printed with a charge.

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

36-A Hibben Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 921-6534

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

TFB Publications

238 75th Street
North Bergen, NJ 07047
(201) 662-0956

Types/Content: Text materials other than music, including computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille, large print, and tape.

RADIO READING

Audiovision

New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, CN 501
Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 530-3260
Christine Lisiecki, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM-8:00 PM; Fri. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Area Served: 40-45 mile radius from Trenton and 40-45 mile radius from Waterford Works, NJ.

Electronic Information and Education Service

59 Scotland Road
P.O. Box 411
South Orange, NJ 07079
(201) 762-0552
John F. Mulvihill, General Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
8:00 AM-12:00 Midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Area Served: Nine counties in north New Jersey.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness

New Jersey Affiliate

200 Centennial Avenue
Suite 203
Piscataway, NJ 08854-3910
(908) 844-2020
Nancy Peters

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

New Jersey College Resource Center for Adaptive Aids for Visually Impaired Students

ATeC 209
Brookdale Community College
Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ 07738-1599
(908) 842-1900, ext. 630
Maxine Forster Guenther, Director
John Noecker, Technical Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit resource center.

Funded by: New Jersey State Department of Higher Education.

Area Served: New Jersey colleges and universities.

Loans technical and nontechnical adaptive aids to New Jersey colleges and universities for use by students who are blind or visually impaired. Provides resource information and basic technical assistance to New Jersey colleges. Conducts annual workshop.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness New Jersey Affiliate

P.O. Box 449
Princeton, NJ 08542-0449
(609) 924-8034
FAX: (609) 921-7697
Llura Gund, President
Sue Jaques, Coordinator

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Northern New Jersey Affiliate

P.O. Box 38
Livingston, NJ 07039
(201) 994-1532
Sandra Gollob, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Audio Optics, Inc.

Isis Large Print Books
Transaction Publishers

National Industries for the Blind

New Eyes for the Needy

Recording for the Blind

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

153 Halsey Street
P.O. Box 47017

Newark, NJ 07101
(201) 648-3333 or (201) 648-2324
or toll-free in New Jersey
(800) 962-1233 (Voice/TDD)
FAX: (201) 648-7364
Jamie Casabianca Hilton, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State government agency providing various services to blind and visually impaired residents of New Jersey.

Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.

Funded by: State and federal monies.

Budget: \$18,734,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00AM-5:00PM.

Staff: 324 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1910.

Number of Clients Served: 1991. 11,603 rehabilitation clients. 29,034 persons receiving eye exams.

Eligibility: 20/40 visual acuity or field restriction to 20 degrees or less.

Area Served: New Jersey.

Health: Eye health nursing; diabetic retinopathy detection; preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening follow-up; vision screening of children of migratory workers and other at-risk populations.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Contracts with a community organization to set up self-help groups all over the state.

Educational: Itinerant services to visually impaired children, ages birth to 21; institutional and day training center technical assistance; deaf-blind program; summer programs; residential/special placement programs.

Reading: Textbook and materials center; technical aids center.

Residential: Joseph Kohn
Rehabilitation Center, New
Brunswick, New Jersey.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/
mobility; home instruction
programs.

Employment: Prevocational
evaluation; rehabilitation center;
vending facility program; home
products division; college unit;
deaf-blind services; vocational
training and job placement;
follow-up services.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Statewide Services:

Newark: George Meyer
Instructional Resource Center, 232
Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, NJ
07114, (201) 648-2547, Louise
Rosin, Manager.

Newark: Technical Aids Center,
153 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ
07101, (201) 648-3330, Carolyn
Rhodes, Supervisor.

New Brunswick: Joseph Kohn
Residential Rehabilitation Center,
130 Livingston Avenue, New
Brunswick, NJ 08901, (908) 937-
6363, John Reiff, Manager.

Regional Offices:

Camden: Southern Regional
Office, Parkade Building, Suite 403,
519 Federal Street, Camden, NJ
08103, (609) 757-2815, Vito
DeSantis, Manager.

Newark: Metropolitan Regional
Office, 153 Halsey Street, Newark,
NJ 07101, (201) 648-2111.

Paterson: Northern Regional
Office, 100 Hamilton Plaza,
Paterson, NJ 07505, (201) 977-
4200, Mary Sierera, Manager.

Toms River: Central Regional
Office, 1510 Hooper Avenue,
Suite 2400, Toms River, NJ 08753,
Edward Gorczyca, Manager.

REHABILITATION

Bestwork Industries for the Blind

209 Highland Avenue
Westmont, NJ 08108

(609) 854-3388

Belinda S. Moore, Executive
Director

Employment: Provides workshop
employment services.

**Mt. Carmel Guild/Archbishop
Boland Rehabilitation and
Training Center**

450 Market Street

Newark, NJ 07105

(201) 344-1012

Edda Swart, Program Director
Pauline Ziomek, Coordinator of
Senior Day Care

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Referral service.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/
mobility; home mechanics; home
economics; communications;
clerical training.

Employment: Evaluation;
prevocational and vocational
training; vocational placement;
follow-up service; sheltered
workshop.

**New Jersey Foundation for the
Blind**

230 Diamond Spring Road

P.O. Box 929

Denville, NJ 07834

(201) 627-0055

FAX: (201) 627-1622

Karen Finkelmeier, President
Terry Fioretto, Administrator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Training center for
independent living skills.

Funded by: Private contributions.

Hours of Operation: 7 days, 24
hours.

History/Date: Est. 1942.

Eligibility: Legally or totally blind.
Must be ambulatory.

Area Served: New Jersey.

Age Requirements: 18 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Referral services.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily
living.

Recreational: Arts and crafts.

St. Joseph's Home for the Blind

537 Pavonia Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07306

(201) 653-8300

Sister Teresa Catherine, CSJP,
Administrator

Type of Agency: Nursing home.

Mission: Services for aged and
infirm blind persons.

Funded by: Medicaid and private
fees.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours.

Program Accessibility: Accessible
to wheelchair users.

History/Date: Est. 1899.

Number of Clients Served: 129
residents.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 60 years and
older.

Health: Physical therapy,
occupational therapy.

Residential: Nursing home.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Services available.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/
mobility.

Social Service Federation

44 Armory Street

Englewood, NJ 07631

(201) 568-0817

Mitchell Schonfeld, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Funded by: United Way, Title XX, private donations.

Staff: 4 full time, 20 part time.

Uses volunteers.

Eligibility: Mentally alert, visually impaired.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette player; talking book records and tapes; recorded magazines; information and referral; closed circuit television.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; skiing; horseback riding; biking; canoeing; golf; wilderness hiking. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other recreational/leisure services.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

National Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering

P.O. Box T

Hewitt, NJ 07421

(201) 853-6585 or toll-free

(800) 736-2216

Donald Selwyn, Contact Person

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; braille access systems; word

processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Closed-circuit TV reading systems: desktop and portable, black and white and color; integrated CCTV and computer systems with scanners and text (character) recognition; computer and technology aids training given on-site, in clients' home, in schools and places of employment.

Technical Aids Center New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

153 Halsey Street

Newark, NJ 07101

(201) 648-3330

FAX: (201) 648-7674

Carolyn Rhodes, Technology Services Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Seeing Eye, Inc.

Washington Valley Road

Morristown, NJ 07960

(201) 539-4425

Dennis J. Murphy, President

Mission: Trains dog guides and instructs blind persons in their use.

Funded by: Endowment, bequests, trusts and contributions.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1929.

Area Served: United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Educational: Has public education program, including films and speakers by special request.

Provides follow-up services for graduates.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

New Jersey Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology

15 Brant Avenue

Unit #1

Clark, NJ 07066

(908) 388-7130

FAX: (908) 388-7138

Marshall S. Klein, Executive Director

New Jersey Optometric Association

88 Lakedale Drive

Trenton, NJ 08648

(609) 695-3456

David Grimm

LOW VISION CENTERS

Camden Optometric Center

612 Benson Street

Camden, NJ 08103

(609) 365-1811

Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Daily.

Staff: Low vision assistants; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; optometry residents.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Eye Institute of New Jersey University of Medicine and Dentistry

Doctors Office Center

90 Bergen Street, Sixth Floor

Newark, NJ 07103-2499

(201) 982-2020

Ronald Siwoff, O.D., Director

Jean Cordelione, Administrator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Fridays.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; ophthalmology residents; optician; social worker; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.

Eligibility: None, but referral report requested.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: None.

St. Barnabas Low Vision Center

101 Old Short Hills Road

Suite 102B

West Orange, NJ 07052

(201) 325-6720 or (201) 325-6721

FAX: (201) 325-6725

Gerald Fonda, M.D.,

Ophthalmologist

Sandra Kantorek, Optometrist

Marilyn Osman, Administrator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Clinical services, teaching, and research.

Funded by: Client fees and contributions.

Hours of Operation: Tues.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision assistant; genetic counselor.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Support groups and yearly seminar, "Coping with Macular Degeneration".

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee. Aids also available for sale.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

◆ **Aging Services**

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division on Aging New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

CN807

South Broad and Front Streets

Trenton, NJ 08625-0807

(609) 292-4833 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 792-8820

Lois Hull, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

153 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor

P.O. Box 47017

Newark, NJ 07101

(201) 648-2324

Jamie Casabianca Hillton,

Executive Director

Judith Liebman, Project Director,

(201) 648-4799

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

NEW MEXICO

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New Mexico State Department of Education

Special Education Office

300 Don Gaspar Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786
(505) 827-6541

FAX: (505) 827-6696

Dr. Linda Wilson, State Director of Special Education

Alan D. Morgan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide equal educational opportunities for all students; to guarantee that students reach their full potential by mastering learning skills and knowledge and by acquiring desirable personal qualities and values.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 23 special education staff members.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 35,000 children with disabilities.

Eligibility: In need of special education services as specified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, New Mexico state statutes, and New Mexico Standards for Excellence.

Area Served: New Mexico.

Educational: Special education services are provided by local education agencies and assured by the New Mexico State Department of Education.

For information about local facilities, consult the local superintendent of schools.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Developmental Disabilities Division

New Mexico Department of Health

1190 St. Francis Drive

Room 3500M

P.O. Box 26110

Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

(505) 827-2575

FAX: (505) 827-2595

Toby Hurtado, Early Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard
Alamogordo, NM 88310

(505) 437-3505

Jerry Watkins, Superintendent
Linda Wilson, Special Education Division

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Staff: 115 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1903.

Eligibility: Legally blind, students K through 12.

Area Served: New Mexico.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for play/nursery school; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training program, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking books record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation into Spanish; tape recording services; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; wrestling; skiing; gymnastics. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Special Education Office, New Mexico State Department of Education, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786, (505) 827-6541.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped Preschool**

230 Truman, N.E.
 Albuquerque, NM 87108
 (505) 268-9506
 FAX: (505) 265-4866
 Betty J. Dominguez, Director/
 Principal

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To meet the educational needs of visually impaired students who are residents of the state.

Funded by: State.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:
 Completely accessible.

Staff: 12.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: 50.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Age Requirements: 0-6 years.

Health: Low vision evaluations and adaptive equipment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides social evaluation; psychological testing/evaluation; counseling; parent counseling.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas. Consultant services to other programs.

Preschools: Center-based programs: parent, infant, and toddler program (birth through age 3); preschool program (age 3 through 6); home-based program for medically fragile children.

Reading: Talking book records/tapes; braille books; large-print books; magazines in braille/recorded format.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluations.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped**

230 Truman, N.E.
 Albuquerque, NM 87108
 (505) 268-9506
 FAX: (505) 265-4866
 Joe R. Dominguez, Director of Field Services

Funded by: New Mexico School for the Visually Impaired.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Assessment: Low vision assessments and orientation and mobility evaluation.

Consultation to Public Schools: Consultant services to other programs.

Direct Service: A variety of services to parents, public and private schools, institutions, and agencies throughout New Mexico.

Parent Assistance: Parent counseling.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped**

1900 North White Sands Boulevard
 Alamogordo, NM 88310
 (505) 437-3505, ext. 138
 Bill Davis, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

◆ Information Services**LIBRARIES****New Mexico State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

325 Don Gaspar Street
 Santa Fe, NM 87503
 (505) 827-3830 or toll-free in New Mexico (800) 432-5515
 FAX: (505) 827-3888
 John Brewster, Librarian
 Ben Lucero, Machine Lending Information

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Area Served: New Mexico.

Regional library distributing talking book machines. Also distributes large print collections to public libraries.

PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS**Newsline for the Blind**

New Mexico Commission for the Blind
 2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E.
 Albuquerque, NM 87106
 (505) 841-8862
 Susan Moss, Contact Person

Newspapers Read: *Albuquerque Journal*, *Albuquerque Tribune*, *University of New Mexico Lobo*.

◆ Rehabilitation Services**STATE SERVICES****New Mexico Commission for the Blind**

PERA Building, Room 553
 Santa Fe, NM 87503
 (505) 827-4479
 FAX: (505) 827-4475
 Fredric K. Schroeder, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and older blind persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 52 full time, 2 part time.
Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1935.

Eligibility: Visual impairment or deteriorating eye condition.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Occupational therapy. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on counseling/social work services.

Educational: Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded, or orthopedically disabled persons. Programs for college prep; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.

Residential: Dormitory for adults; elderly persons; multiply disabled persons.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for

elderly; bowling; swimming. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training and placement.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Low vision service/clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Prescription of spectacles and low vision aids and devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescriptions.

Local Offices:

Alamogordo: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 408 North White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310, (505) 437-8008.

Alamogordo: Rehabilitation-Orientation Center for the Blind, 408 North White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310, (505) 437-0401.

Albuquerque: New Mexico Industries for the Blind, 2000 Yale Boulevard S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 841-8844, Larry Carmony, Administrator.

Albuquerque: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106, Joe D. Cordova, Deputy Director, (505) 841-8853.

Albuquerque: Newsline for the Blind, 2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 841-8862.

Las Cruces: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 277 East Amador, Suite 204, Dona Ana Savings Office Plaza, Las Cruces, NM 88001, (505) 524-6450.

Las Vegas: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 700 Friedman Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701, (505) 425-3546.

Roswell: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 400 North Pennsylvania, Suite 1080, Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 624-6140.

Santa Fe: Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 1460 South Street, Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87501, (505) 827-3768.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard
Alamogordo, NM 88310
(505) 437-3505
FAX: (505) 437-7851
Jane Korzan, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

New Mexico Optometric Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 11585
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 299-5617
Doris Conley

LOW VISION CENTERS**New Mexico Service Center for the Blind****Low Vision Clinic**

2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 841-8853
FAX: (505) 841-8854

Type of Agency: Vocational rehabilitation.

Funded by: State.

Hours of Operation: 20 hours per week.

Staff: Rehabilitation counselor.

Number of Clients Served: 10 weekly.

Eligibility: Legally blind; optometrist's report.

Area Served: New Mexico.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Self-help group.

Low Vision Aids: On-site or at home training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Santa Fe, NM 87503
(505) 827-4479

Fredric K. Schroeder, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

◆ Aging Services**STATE UNITS ON AGING****State Agency on Aging**

224 East Palace Avenue
La Villa Rivera Building, Fourth Floor

Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 827-7640 or Information & Referral In State (800) 432-2080
Michelle Lujan Grishan, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**New Mexico Commission for the Blind**

PERA Building, Room 553

NEW YORK

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

New York State Education Department Office for Special Education

Education Building Annex
Room 1073
Albany, NY 12234
(518) 474-5548 or (518) 474-8917
FAX: (518) 473-2917
Thomas B. Nevelndine, Assistant
Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides in-service training for teachers of visually impaired children in local schools. Provides consultation on educational services for school-age legally blind and severely visually impaired students. Processes state appointments for legally blind children to the state-operated and state-supported schools for the blind. Administers the federal subsidy American Printing House for the Blind quota program for the purchase of reading material and educational aids for legally blind students in primary and secondary schools in New York State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired persons.

Area Served: New York State.

Age Requirements: Birth - 21 years.

Educational: Y.

Preschools: Consulting services available.

Contact regional Board of Cooperative Educational Services

or local school superintendent for program availability.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention Program New York Department of Health

Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower, Room 208
Albany, NY 12237-0618
(518) 473-7016
FAX: (518) 473-8673
Frank Zollo, Director

SCHOOLS

Lavelle School for the Blind

East 221st Street and Paulding
Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469
(718) 882-1212
FAX: (718) 882-0005
Sister Louise Marie Baxter, O.P.,
Superintendent
Elaine Lyons, Director, Pupil
Personnel Services, Intake
Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, neurologically disabled, epileptic, and diabetic persons and those with conditions such as brain tumors, speech pathology, Marfan's syndrome, and cardiac or orthopedic illness.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations, and state funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 67 full time (includes visually impaired students).

History/Date: Est. 1904.

Number of Clients Served: 100.

Eligibility: Blind/visually impaired (with or without disabling conditions); ambulatory.

Area Served: The five boroughs of New York City, Nassau County and lower Westchester County.

Age Requirements: 3 - 21 years.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Career counseling; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; referral to community services.

Educational: New York State curriculum with adaptations to meet children's individual education programs; orientation/mobility; self-help; use of special equipment; auditory training; visual training; occupational education.

Preschools: Classroom for visually impaired, multiply disabled children.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines on disk.

Rehabilitation: Training in orientation and mobility; daily living skills; braille; listening skills; talking calculator, computer, and video magnifier use.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; bowling.

Employment: Occupational education.

Computer Training: Grades K-12.

Low Vision: Clinic with 2 low vision specialists.

Low Vision Aids: As prescribed.

Low Vision Follow-up: On-staff optometrists.

New York Institute for Special Education

999 Pelham Parkway

Bronx, NY 10469

(718) 519-7000

FAX: (718) 519-7000

Robert L. Guarino, Ph.D.,

Executive Director

Type of Agency: Educational.

Funded by: Public funds, endowment and contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$13,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 250 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1831 as the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind.

Number of Clients Served: 1992:300.

Eligibility: Legally blind, emotionally disturbed and learning disabled students, and developmentally delayed preschoolers.

Area Served: New York State.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0 - 5 years: developmentally delayed program; 0 - 21 years: visually impaired program; 5 - 13 years: learning disabled program.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye, ear conditions; speech therapy; adaptive program; occupational and physical therapies.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; casework.

Educational: K through 12th grade. Music and art education and therapies.

Preschools: 0 - 5 years (developmentally delayed students).

Residential: 5 days a week.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; communications; Optacon, Kurzweil reading program, VTEK computerized technology.

Recreational: Evening program for residential students; summer day

camp for visually impaired children.

Employment: Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement services from the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

New York State School for the Blind

Richmond Avenue

Batavia, NY 14020

(716) 343-5384

Robert Seibold, Assistant Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for deaf-blind, multiply handicapped blind.

Staff: 150 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1868.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Age Requirements: 5 to 21 years.

Health: General medical services; physical, speech, occupational therapies. Contracts and refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Individualized educational programs designed to meet students' needs at varying developmental levels. Includes prevocational/skill training; activities of daily living; leisure time activities; orientation/mobility; academics.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in all program areas. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand; Optacon and closed circuit television.

Residential: Program will accommodate those students whose educational needs require year-round, 7-day residential status. Day programs and 5-day residential capacity.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; special education; sensory training.

Recreational: Recreational therapists develop individual/group activities including afterschool programs; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling.

Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision aids and devices.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Child Development Center The Lighthouse Inc.

60-05 Woodhaven Boulevard
Elmhurst, NY 11373

(718) 899-9100

FAX: (718) 899-9506

Barbara Silverstone, DSW,
President

Catherine Sonen Warkala, MS,
SAS, Principal

Barbara Kushner Sosna, MA, SDA,
Assistant Principal

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Government funds, private donations.

Staff: 26 full time (including early childhood/visually impaired teacher, aides, administrators,

social worker, nurse, and administrative support).

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-6 years.

Health: Services available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family counseling.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas; classrooms for visually impaired and multiply disabled children; occasional home teaching.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Center-based programs and consultative services to other programs for visually impaired multiply disabled children. Various specialists available on consultant basis (speech, occupational, physical, and music therapists, orientation and mobility, psychologist, adaptive physical education instructor and audiology on an as-needed basis).

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

57 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 522-2122

Fred W. McPhilliamy, President
Frank Simpson, Director
Rhoda Clamen, Director/
Educational Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enable persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind to lead as independent a life as possible.

Funded by: Income from capital funds; United Way, state, federal, and local government contracts and fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible.

Staff: 1 full-time director; 4 full-time teachers; 6 full-time teaching

assistants; 1 full-time social worker, part-time physical therapist, psychologist, physician, occupational therapist, and speech therapist.

History/Date: Est. 1950; Founded 1892.

Number of Clients Served: 30.

Eligibility: Visually impaired children; legally blind.

Area Served: Kings and Queens counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and other health services available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and family counseling.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas, home- and center-based with services for visually impaired multiply disabled infants, 0-5 years. Consultant services to other programs for children, 0-5 years, within itinerant model.

Preschools: Assists with placement in appropriate nursery schools, specialized programs, or public schools.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Local Offices:

Cold Spring Harbor: Suffolk Service Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724, (516) 367-4000, Rosalind Bernstein, Social Worker, Children's Services.

Hempstead: Nassau Service Center, 320 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 485-1234, Joanne Berger, Supervisor, Children's Services.

Jewish Guild for the Blind (The Guild)

15 West 65th Street

New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6200

FAX: (212) 769-6266

John F. Heimerdinger, President and Chief Executive Officer
Ellen Trief, Ed.D., Director of Early Intervention Program

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To simulate and enhance timely achievement of developmental milestones in early childhood; to help visually impaired children attain age-appropriate competencies and skills and become integrated into a preschool program; to lay the foundation for positive future educational experiences for visually impaired children.

Funded by: Private donations and other sources.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Evening hours by appointment only.

Program Accessibility: Handicapped accessible.

Staff: Specialists in child development as well as social work and psychology.

Number of Clients Served: 60 infants and children.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Metropolitan New York area.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-2 years.

Health: Low vision exams; immunizations and blood tests available on a consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; orientation/mobility; bilingual. Community-based program for visually impaired multiply disabled infants. Preschool program for children ages 3 to 5.

Preschools: Preschool program for visually impaired children ages 3 to 5. Early Intervention Program for infants to age 3.

Low Vision: Low vision services on premises.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Staff provides instruction in areas of vision rehabilitation, sensory simulation, motor development, speech, music and art therapy, as well as physical and occupational therapy and socialization.

Lavelle School for the Blind

East 221st Street and Paulding Avenue

Bronx, NY 10469

(718) 882-1212

FAX: (718) 882-0005

Sister Louis Marie Baxter, O.P.,
Superintendent

Elaine Lyons, Director, Pupil
Personnel Services, Intake
Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, neurologically impaired, epileptic, diabetic persons; also those with conditions such as brain tumors, speech pathology, Marfan's syndrome, and cardiac and orthopedic illness.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 monies, private donations and state funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 12 full time (includes teachers of visually impaired students).

Number of Clients Served: 20.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired (with or without disabilities); ambulatory.

Area Served: The five boroughs of New York City; Nassau County; and lower Westchester County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group, family/parent counseling; referral to community services. Self-help as part of educational program.

Educational: New York State curriculum with adaptations to meet children's Individual Education Program; orientation/mobility; self-help/ADL; use of special equipment; auditory training; visual training; occupational education.

Preschools: Classroom for visually impaired and multiply disabled children.

Reading: Prereadiness skills.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and mobility; sensory training.

Computer Training: Kindergarten only.

Low Vision: Clinic with two low vision specialists.

Low Vision Aids: As prescribed.

Low Vision Follow-up: On-staff optometrists.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Resource Center for the Visually Impaired

New York State School for the Blind

Richmond Avenue

Batavia, NY 14020

(716) 343-5384 or (716) 343-8100

FAX: (716) 343-3711

Emily Leyenberger, Ph.D.,
Coordinator

Funded by: Title VI B
discretionary funds.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Assessment: Functional vision assessments provided when not available at local schools.

Consultation to Public Schools: Provides information and support to parents, teachers, administrators, and others concerning educational need of visually impaired students.

Parent Assistance: Library of resources for parents and professionals; facilitates communication and collaboration among parents and schools.

Professional Training: Specialized training and workshops according to needs for teachers, aides, school nurses, about the implications of visual impairments.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Resource Center for the Visually Impaired

New York State School for the Blind

Richmond Avenue

Batavia, NY 14020

(716) 343-8100

FAX: (716) 343-3711

Emily Leyenberger, Ph.D.,
Coordinator

Area Served: New York State.

Groups Served: 0-21 years of age.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, professional topics.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books, regular-print professional books, pamphlets.

Title Listings: Provides lists, at no charge, of assessments collection, curricula collection, large-print recreational reading, and Twin Vision books.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Dominican College

10 Western Highway
Orangeburg, NY 10962
(914) 359-7800
FAX: (914) 359-2313
Dr. Rona Shaw, Visually
Handicapped and Rehabilitation
Teaching

Programs Offered: Undergraduate programs for teachers of visually impaired and rehabilitation teachers.

Distance Education: Y.

D'Youville College

Division of Education

320 Porter Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14201
(716) 881-7629
Dr. Deborah Clark, Coordinator of
Blind/Visually Impaired Program

Programs Offered: Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually impaired.

Hunter College, City University of New York

Department of Special Education

695 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021
(212) 772-4701
FAX: (212) 772-4941
Dr. Rosanne K. Silberman,
(212) 772-4740

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of learners with blindness and visual impairments, severe/multiple impairments including deaf-blindness, and for rehabilitation teachers of individuals with blindness and visual impairments.

New York University School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions Rehabilitation Counseling Department

35 West Fourth Street, Suite 1200
Education Building
New York, NY 10003
(212) 998-5290
FAX: (212) 995-4192
Dr. Nancy Esibill, Director

Programs Offered: Undergraduate rehabilitation services; master's and doctoral degrees in rehabilitation counseling.

Teachers College, Columbia University Special Education Department

525 West 120th Street
Box 223
New York, NY 10027
(212) 678-3814
Dr. Dennis Mithaug, Chairperson

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of blind and visually impaired learners.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Andrew Heiskell Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped New York Public Library

40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 206-5400 or (212) 206-5499
FAX: (212) 206-5418
Donna Dziedzic, Regional Librarian
Subregional library.

M.C. Migel Memorial Library American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street

New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2162 or TDD (212) 620-2158
FAX: (212) 620-5037
Leslie Rosen, Head Librarian

Type of Agency: Library that houses one of the largest research collections in the world of print materials related to all nonmedical aspects of blindness and low vision.

Mission: Provides reference consultations and a wide range of information and referral services for the general public as well as for professionals in the blindness and low vision fields.

Program Accessibility:

Wheelchair accessible; a wide range of adaptive equipment available, including Kurzweil Personal Reader, CCTV, and TDD. Bibliographies on a wide range of subjects available in audio, braille, and disk formats.

Reading: Volunteer reading and taping.

Includes the Helen Keller Archives, photo collections of historic interest, and a rare book collection.

New York Public Library Project ACCESS

Mid-Manhattan Library

455 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10016
(212) 340-0843 or TDD (212) 340-0931

Type of Agency: Largest resource library in the New York Public Library's branch system.

Mission: Links patrons with visual, hearing, learning, and mobility impairments to the full range of the New York Public Library's materials and services.

Hours of Operation: All services by appointment so that individualized assistance may be provided.

Program Accessibility: Located on wheelchair-accessible second floor. Special equipment for blind and visually impaired persons: magnifiers; braille writer and audio playback equipment; Kurzweil Personal Reader with English, Spanish, and French language capabilities; computer with Vista and Vert Plus programs; closed circuit televisions.

Reference collection of disability-related directories; pamphlets; newsletters; and publishers'/vendors' catalogs.

New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

Cultural Education Center
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12230
(518) 474-5935 or toll-free in New York State (800) 342-3688
FAX: (518) 474-5786
Jane Somers, Director

Type of Agency: State regional library for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 20.

History/Date: Est. 1896.

Number of Clients Served: 26,100.

Area Served: New York State (excluding New York City and Long Island).

Reading: Braille and recorded formats. Closed-circuit magnification devices available.

Provides books and magazines in braille and recorded on disks and cassettes. Lends cassette players and special record players for use with its recorded material. Reference, information, and referral services provided.

Queens Borough Public Library Special Services

89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 990-0746 (voice) or TDD (718) 990-0809
Vicki Bogard, Assistant Head
Eileen Gellman, Office Associate

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Increases access to the materials and services of the Queens Borough Public Library for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 10:00AM-5:00PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Borough of Queens.

Special equipment includes Kurzweil Personal Reader, VTEK, Perkins brailler, and telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD). Volunteer reading service provides recorded materials for visually impaired and learning disabled persons. Books in large print are available in all branch libraries. Mail-a-book service provides books in regular, large-print, and audio formats postage free to homebound users.

Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation (SJK)

2-12 West Park Avenue
Long Beach, NY 11561
(516) 889-5105
Stephanie Joyce Kahn, Contact Person

Area Served: Long Island, NY.

Mobile audio library that distributes audio cassette recordings of books and magazines to homebound individuals, hospital patients, and nursing home residents.

Talking Books

Nassau Library System

900 Jerusalem Avenue
Uniondale, NY 11553
(516) 292-8920 or TDD (516) 579-8585
FAX: (516) 481-4777
Dorothy Puryear, Acting Librarian
Subregional library.

Talking Books Plus Outreach Services

Suffolk Cooperative Library System
627 North Sunrise Service Road
Bellport, NY 11713
(516) 286-1600 or TDD (516) 286-4546
FAX: (516) 286-1647
Julie Klauber, Librarian
Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Activities for the Blind

101 Indian Church Road
Buffalo, NY 14210
(716) 822-1055
Dr. Mabel M. Dimmers, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, religious, any requests.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Braille and Large Print Services Helen Keller Services for the Blind (HKSBB)

320 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 485-1234
John Heller, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Braille Transcribers of Central New York

28 Homewood Drive
Clinton, NY 13323
(315) 853-2679

Catharine Hugo, Director of Reader Services

Area Served: Central New York given priority; nationwide requests accepted.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Not yet available.

Jewish Heritage for the Blind

1655 East 24th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11229
(718) 338-4999

Rabbi David H. Toiv, Director

Nassau Community College Library

11530 Steward Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 222-7413

FAX: (516) 683-3376

Arthur L. Friedman, Coordinator,
"Round Pages" Program

Groups Served: College students.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Onondaga Braillists

P.O. Box 326

Syracuse, NY 13215

Jean Arnold, President

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, general.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Recording for the Blind

545 Fifth Avenue

Suite 204

New York, NY 10017

(212) 557-5789

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Services for the Blind

852 Ashmore Avenue

Schenectady, NY 12309

(518) 374-8173 or (518) 374-1725

FAX: (518) 374-3444

Mrs. Nathan Paul, Administrator

Area Served: Primarily New York; accepts assignments outside of state.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, and religious materials in English, French, German, and Spanish.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Title listings available.

Sisterhood Braille Group of East Midwood Jewish Center

1625 Ocean Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11230

(718) 338-3800

Sylvia Aig, Chairperson

Area Served: New York City metropolitan area.

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, foreign language.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Sisterhood of Temple Sinai

425 Roslyn Road

Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

(516) 621-6800

Dr. Dorothy Axelroth, Chairperson

Groups Served: Jewish Braille Institute of America; other requests considered whenever possible.

Types/Content: Recreational; religious.

Media Formats: Talking books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica

188th Street and Grand Central Parkway

Holliswood, NY 11423

(718) 776-4400

Gertrude Steinberg, Braille Chairperson

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Spencerport Braille Association

96 Picturesque Drive

Rochester, NY 14616

(716) 865-2965

Marion McCrone, Work Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille books.
Title Listings: No title listings available.

Vision Services

New York City Public Schools, District 75

22 East 28th Street
 New York, NY 10016
 (212) 481-5660
 FAX: (212) 251-0602
 Melvin Eisenbach, Director

Area Served: New York City public schools.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

IN TOUCH Networks

15 West 65th Street
 New York, NY 10023
 (212) 769-6270 or (800) 456-3166
 Bruce Massis, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In Spanish: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon-1:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 PM-9:00 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM-11:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: New York metropolitan/tri-state area, closed circuit radio, cable service transmitted via satellite.

Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service

P.O. Box 575
 Buffalo, NY 14225
 (716) 668-8888
 Robert Sikorski, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Area Served: Western New York; Southern Ontario Canada.

Northeast Radio Reading Service

59 Leonard Avenue
 Plattsburgh, NY 12901
 (518) 562-1954
 John Shearer, Acting Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Radio Vision-Ramapo Catskill Library System

619 North Street
 Middletown, NY 10940
 (914) 343-1131 or toll-free in New York State (800) 327-7343
 Dan Hulse, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Connects with In Touch Networks (NYC) Mon.-Fri. 11:00 PM-9:00 AM and on Saturday and Sunday all day.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, parts of Columbia, Green, Rockland counties.

READ-OUT Radio Reading Service

P.O. Box 2400
 Syracuse, NY 13220-2400
 (315) 453-2424
 Marian Carfagno, Reading Service Coordinator

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Area Served: Syracuse, Watertown, Utica and their environs.

RISE

c/o WMHT-FM
 P.O. Box 17
 Schenectady, NY 12301
 (518) 356-1700
 Sally Clark, Administrative Supervisor
 Marianna Cunningham, Radio Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: 13-county area surrounding Albany Capitol District of New York State.

WXXI Reachout Radio

280 State Street
 Rochester, NY 14618
 (716) 325-7500
 Ruth Phinney, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Area Served: Rochester.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street
 New York, NY 10011
 (212) 620-2000 or (800) 232-5463
 or TDD: (212) 620-2158
 FAX: (212) 727-7418
 Carl R. Augusto, President and Executive Director

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

The Lighthouse Inc.

800 Second Avenue
 New York, NY 10017
 (212) 808-0077 (voice and TDD) or (800) 334-5497
 FAX: (212) 808-0110
 Barbara Silverstone, DSW, President

See The Lighthouse Inc. in U.S. national listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness

New York Division

160 East 56th Street
Eighth Floor
New York, NY 10022
(212) 980-2020

William Hurley, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Bronx-Westchester-Rockland Affiliate

7 Colvin Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583
(914) 472-6644
FAX: (914) 472-4470

Louise Boardman, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Brooklyn Affiliate

130 East 18th Street, #2B
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 856-4766

Patsy Ross, President
Connie Karos, Vice-President,
Public Awareness
Arlene Mandart, Vice-President,
Human Resources

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Long Island Affiliate

300 Garden City Plaza
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 485-1947

Bea Samuelson, President
Dr. Irving Barnett, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Manhattan Affiliate

315 East 86th Street, #6L

New York, NY 10028
(212) 876-7589
Joan Ascione, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Syracuse Affiliate

8752 Radburn Drive
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 428-5004

John Scala, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Bible Society

American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

American Foundation for the Blind

Associates for World Action in Rehabilitation and Education

Association for Macular Diseases

Association of Junior Leagues

Bantam-Doubleday-Dell

Choice Magazine Listening

Eye Bank for Sight Restoration

Fight for Sight

Glaucoma Foundation

Harper & Row Publishers

Helen Keller International

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

International Society on Metabolic Eye Disease

IN TOUCH Networks

Jewish Braille Institute of America

Jewish Guild for the Blind

John Milton Society for the Blind

The Lighthouse Inc.

Macmillan Publishing Company

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind

Myopia International Research Foundation

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

National Association for Visually Handicapped

National Braille Association

National Marfan Foundation

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

National Self-Help Clearinghouse

Project Orbis

Random House Large Print

Research to Prevent Blindness

St. Martin's Press

Swedenborg Foundation

United Cerebral Palsy Association

Xavier Society for the Blind

◆ **Rehabilitation Services**

STATE SERVICES

New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

40 North Pearl Street

Albany, NY 12243
(518) 473-1801
FAX: (518) 486-5819
Eugene Luini, Acting Assistant
Commissioner

Mission: Administration of services to legally blind residents of New York State for the purpose of ameliorating the disability imposed by visual impairments and to enhance individual employability. Through district offices across the state, provides and arranges for provision of vocational rehabilitation services and other services such as independent living skills and mobility training, business services and information and referral services.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: 1992: \$29,000,000.

Staff: 168 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1913.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 6,000.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: New York State.

Health: Medical and specialist examinations.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services; psychological testing and evaluations.

Educational: Post-secondary training programs.

Professional Training: Internships and practicums.

Reading: Readers services available to support program goals.

Rehabilitation: Training in activities of daily living, orientation and mobility, communications.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; career counseling; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services; vending facility training; self-employment program; homemaker training.

Computer Training: Available to support training and employment goals.

Low Vision: Available to support vocational rehabilitation goals.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Local Offices:

Albany: 74 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, (518) 474-1701.

Buffalo: Ellicott Square Building, 295 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, (716) 847-3516.

Hempstead: 175 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 564-4313.

New York: Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island), 270 Broadway, New York, NY 10007, (212) 417-5211.

New York: Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (Manhattan and Bronx), Harlem State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027, (212) 870-4440.

Rochester: 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607, (716) 238-8110.

Syracuse: 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 428-4147.

White Plains: 150 Grand Street, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 993-5370.

REHABILITATION

Associated Blind

135 West 23rd Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 255-1122
FAX: (212) 645-1638
Ed Sternstein, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Contributions, legacies, endowments and annuities.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-8:00 PM.

Staff: 19 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1938 and Inc. 1939.

Number of Clients Served: 1,200.

Eligibility: Adult, legally blind.

Area Served: New York City metropolitan area.

Age Requirements: Adult.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services; group work. Full social service agency.

Educational: Many programs in adult education.

Professional Training: Internships.

Residential: Sponsor of 200 efficiency and one-bedroom apartment complex designed for the independent living of blind persons and persons with wheelchairs.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; home economics; communications; braille instruction; talking book machines; reader service.

Recreational: Leisure-time activities and programs, including social activities and physical fitness programs.

Employment: Job readiness programs.

Computer Training: Beginning and advanced training.

Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Inc.

164-09 Hillside Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 739-4750
Chris Weldon, Executive Director

Mission: Services to persons with multiple disabilities.

Funded by: Medicaid, state grants, community groups and individuals interested in multiply disabled blind and severely retarded children and young adults.

Budget: \$9 million.

Hours of Operation: Day treatment: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Sat. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; Residential facilities: 24-hour service.

Staff: 300.

History/Date: Est. 1956. Formerly (1974) Association for Advancement of Blind Children, Inc.

Number of Clients Served: 390.

Eligibility: Mild to profound retardation, blindness, multiple handicaps.

Area Served: New York City.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available.

Residential: Ten group residences providing intermediate care facilities for blind and retarded young adults.

Rehabilitation: Two six-day treatment centers for blind, multihandicapped and severely retarded young adults.

Recreational: Summer camp for blind and multihandicapped people.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc.

422 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620-1198
(716) 232-1111

A. Gidget Hopf, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To assist people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their highest level of independence in their social and vocational lives; to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services and vocational training to people who are blind or visually impaired.

Funded by: Endowment, manufacturing and food service sales; New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; United Way; fundraising; sliding fee scale.

Budget: \$10,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 120 direct-labor employees; 80 professional and non-exempt.

History/Date: Est. 1908; inc. 1913.

Number of Clients Served: 3,000 annually.

Area Served: City of Rochester; counties of Monroe, Ontario, Livingston, Orleans, Wayne, and Genesee.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Senior citizens; outreach and screening; support groups; individual counseling.

Educational: Summer children's program; computer assessment and training program for children, adolescents, young adults and adults.

Preschools: Home training; early intervention services.

Reading: Volunteer readers available.

Rehabilitation: Full range of services including orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, counseling, social work, and vocational preparation.

Employment: Supported employment, placement programs, and vocational preparation such as job skills club. Agency-based direct-labor employment available in such areas as manufacturing and food services.

Computer Training: Comprehensive evaluation and training.

Low Vision: On-site comprehensive low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Consumer Resource Center on site.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Rochester: Satellite Office, 406 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620.

Aurora of Central New York

616 South Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 422-7263
FAX: (315) 422-4792
Mary E. Murray, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Fees, United Way, capital income, government agency, contributions, sales.

Budget: 1992: \$1,400,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 33 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1917.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, family, couple counseling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; recorded magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation;

handwriting; listening skills; typing; Optacon adapted computer equipment; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Refers for recreation services.

Computer Training: On-site computer access technology center.

Blind Association of Western New York

1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 882-1025
FAX: (716) 882-5577
Ronald S. Maier, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit, citizen-directed rehabilitation agency.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled blind or visually impaired persons.

Budget: Approximately \$4 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 40 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1907 and Inc. 1908.

Number of Clients Served: Over 10,000 through all services.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Eight counties of western New York.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Casefinding; assessment; social casework; information and referral; adjustment counseling.

Educational: Public information and education programs to schools, civic groups, and the media.

Preschools: For visually impaired children, birth-5 years.

Professional Training: Fieldwork supervision and conferences for professionals and consumers.

Reading: Library and resource center dispenses talking books; adaptive devices and assistance on usage.

Residential: Excelsior Apartments to be completed June 1993. 24 unit low income housing designed for physically disabled yet functionally independent individuals, particularly those who are blind and visually impaired.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management: orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; non-visual skills training; children's programs; services to children.

Recreational: Services related to recreation groups meeting in the agency and integrated in the community.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill development; job retention; vocational placement; employment services; sheltered workshop; work activities center; follow-up services.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic services available.

Low Vision Aids: Located in low vision clinic and resource center.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Blind Industries

2495 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 836-3332
FAX: (716) 836-3339
Ron Fish, President
Deborah M. Puntillo, Office Manager
Stanley Newsome, Plant Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit blind workshop, affiliated with National Industries for the Blind.

Mission: Training and employment of blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Product sales; federal contracts received through National Industries for the Blind.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1992.

Number of Clients Served: 17.

Eligibility: Blind and legally blind.

Area Served: Western New York state.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Blind Work Association

55 Washington Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
(607) 724-2428
FAX: (607) 771-8045
M. Conrad Range, Jr., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital funds, contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Area Served: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, family/parent counseling; placement and training; referral to community services. Refers for other social work services.

Professional Training: In-service training when requested by schools, nursing homes, hospitals,

and others. Trains volunteers for vision screening.

Reading: Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services and large print on request.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home.

Recreational: Special programs for elderly. Refers for bowling.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service

285 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 875-0710

FAX: (718) 855-1517

Donna A. Santarsiero, Executive Director

Mission: Services to visually impaired and other disabled persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales and sub-contracts, endowment, public funds, contributions, and Greater New York Fund.

Staff: 49 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1866.

Number of Clients Served: 600.

Eligibility: Disabled adults.

Area Served: Kings County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 17 years and over.

Health: Psychological testing.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, family, and group counseling. Psychological counseling.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; communication skills; prevocational group work.

Employment: Sheltered workshop; work training; job

placement services; diagnostic vocational evaluation.

Catholic Charities Office for Disabled Persons

191 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 596-5500

Thomas Destefano, Director

Funded by: Contributions and membership fees.

Staff: 1 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Brooklyn and Queens.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Religious counseling and services. Mass for blind clients; special events and services.

Advocacy and assistance with housing.

Recreational: Monthly social activities.

Catholic Charities Services for Visually Impaired Persons

143 Schlegel Boulevard
Amityville, NY 11701
(516) 842-1400

Sr. Rose A. Herbert, Ed.D.,
Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit. Catholic sponsored, non-sectarian in service.

Mission: Provides services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Service fees from New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and Catholic Charities.

Budget: \$270,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Rehabilitation services are provided in clients' homes.

Staff: 6 full time, 9 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1957.

Number of Clients Served: 209.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, except for contracted services that are for those legally blind.

Area Served: Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations;

individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; mobility skills; typing; home management; rehabilitation; teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Summer day camp; special programs for elderly; recreational services for young blind adults.

Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Catholic Guild for the Blind

525 Washington Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 856-4494

Anne Busalacchi, C.V.A., Program Director

Type of Agency: Private.

Mission: To promote and enhance spiritual, social, and material interests of the blind and visually impaired population in the Diocese of Buffalo.

Funded by: Catholic Charities appeal.

Hours of Operation: Varies.

Program Accessibility: Most facilities are fully accessible.

Referrals from other agencies and self referrals.

Staff: 1 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1939.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 300 in community and 995 in nursing homes.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Buffalo diocese (8 western New York counties).

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Referral services; short-term counseling; spiritual counseling.

Emergency financial aid. Sponsors social and religious programs.

Professional Training: Conducts training seminars for volunteers and in-service programs for nursing home personnel and staffs in homes for aged persons.

Rehabilitation: Social and spiritual programs.

Recreational: Sponsors baseball games and day at the races.

Catholic Guild for the Blind

1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022

(212) 371-1000, ext. 2520

FAX: (212) 319-8265

A. Therese Snyder, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Rehabilitation of legally blind persons.

Funded by: Catholic Charities and New York State Commission for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Budget: \$250,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully handicapped accessibility.

Staff: 7 full time; 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1953.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 300 annually.

Eligibility: Legal blindness.

Area Served: New York City area.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Available.

Educational: English as a second language; and remedial instruction.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; adaptive communication skills training; homemaking; communications and casework services; consultation to other agencies.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

507 Kent Street

Utica, NY 13501

(315) 797-2233

FAX: (315) 797-4763

Donald D. LoGuidice, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; not-for-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind; multiply disabled blind persons.

Funded by: Contributions, fees, grants, workshop/industries sales, investment income.

Budget: 1992: \$4,511,570.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 37 full time, 14 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Inc. 1929.

Number of Clients Served: 2,163.

Eligibility: Legally blind or severely visually impaired.

Area Served: 6 counties in central New York.

Health: Glaucoma screening, preschool screening, and distance acuity vision screenings. Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Individual, group, family, crisis intervention counseling; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies on counseling/social work services, adult support group meetings. Children's services; resource advocacy and training activities for visually impaired children.

Educational: Public education and in-service training programs provided upon request. Prevention, careers, and other educational material information available.

Preschools: Preschool Vision Training Program. Serves blind and visually impaired children, many with other disabling conditions. Individual training provided in visual and compensatory skills. Works in cooperation with all other area preschool programs.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work; rehabilitation teaching. Regular in-service training program open to other agencies.

Reading: Braille transcribing services; braille books; large-print books; tape recording; information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Independent living skills, personal and home management, orientation and mobility, concept development, community and facility-based programs.

Recreational: Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for some recreational services.

Employment: Job evaluation and training, community placement, supported employment, sheltered workshop, work activity center.

Computer Training: Regional technology center for visually impaired persons serving 10 counties. Assessment, training, and job/education site services on

personal computers based adaptive equipment.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic service. Adaptive equipment and low vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Available through low vision center.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided as necessary through low vision center.

Volunteer services: transportation, friendly visiting, grocery shopping, recreational activities, tutoring, clerical help, and assistance with vision screenings.

Chautauqua Blind Association, Inc.

406 East Fourth Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 664-6660 or (716) 487-7561
Joanne E. Nelson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for visually impaired persons and blindness prevention programs.

Funded by: County; United Way; sub-contracts; donations; NYS Commission for the Blind; memberships; fund raising; grants.

Budget: 1992: \$117,699.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1921.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 650.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Chautaugua County, all programs. Chatteraugua County, one contracted program for legally blind persons.

Age Requirements: Must be old enough to understand instructions.

Health: Preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Assistance in meeting medical, housing, financial, recreational and/or legal needs; referral to other service providers when appropriate.

Preschools: Vision screening offered to preschoolers aged 3-6.

Professional Training: In-service workshops available to other agencies and nursing homes.

Reading: Delivery of talking books and Radio Reading Service receivers; transcription to braille; referrals for large-print books and magazines. Aids and appliances available.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; rehabilitation teaching in the client's home; communication skills.

Recreational: Large-print/braille recreational aids available.

Employment: Referral to appropriate agencies for training and placement, when applicable.

Low Vision: Low vision services available through subcontractors.

Low Vision Aids: Available through subcontractors.

Consolidated Industries of Greater Syracuse, Inc.

541 Seymour Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 476-4021
George A. Manyo, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally handicapped.

Funded by: Sub-contracts, capital income, fees and grants.

Staff: 65 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1964.

Eligibility: Emotionally, mentally, physically and socially disabled, unable to be assisted through ordinary vocational counseling and placement programs. Must be able to travel unescorted.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: At least 17 years.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group counseling; placement in training. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training program.

Reading: Large print books.

Rehabilitation: Remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Provides consultation to other agencies on recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; work adjustment and work evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; skill training; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up services. Refers for vending stand training.

Local Offices:

Syracuse: Consolidated Industries of Greater Syracuse, Inc., 100 West Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13203, (315) 476-4021.

Glens Falls Association for the Blind

144 Ridge Street

Glens Falls, NY 12801

(518) 792-3421

FAX: (518) 792-3430

Philip R. Jessen, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

Funded by: Capital funds, United Way, gifts, bequests, county allotment, contracts, Lions Club.

Budget: 1993: \$250,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Completely accessible.

Staff: 6 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1937; inc. 1965.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 1,500.

Eligibility: Legal blindness or severe visual impairment.

Area Served: Warren, Washington, north Saratoga, Hamilton counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool and elderly vision screening; in-service education programs. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling/social work services; social casework; advocacy; outreach; visitation.

Reading: Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility training; social casework.

Recreational: Community-based programs for elderly.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Low Vision: Monthly low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Mid-Atlantic Region Office

111 Middle Neck Road

Sands Point, NY 11050

(516) 944-8900 (voice and TDD)

FAX: (516) 944-7302

Barbara Martin, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

57 Willoughby Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 522-2122

Fred W. McPhilliamy, President

Frank Simpson, Director

Frank Romano, Associate Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enable persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind to lead as independent a life as possible.

Funded by: New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, New York State Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental disabilities, capital income, public support, Medicaid, grants, and legacies.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible.

Staff: 310 full time, 37 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1893.

Number of Clients Served: 3,000-4,000 blind and visually impaired people annually. Plus 30,000 preschool children in a

vision screening program on Long Island.

Eligibility: Visually impaired children or adults; legally blind.

Area Served: New York City metropolitan area and Long Island.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: All ages accepted.

Health: Comprehensive low vision services; audiology; and vision screening services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services.

Educational: Supplemental educational services to school-age visually impaired children. Summer career development seminars and mobility clinics for school-age children.

Preschools: Intensive home- and center-based services for visually impaired preschoolers. Vision screening services for preschool children.

Professional Training: Internship/field work placement in low vision; rehabilitation counseling; social work, orientation and mobility; and education.

Reading: Produces and lends braille and large-print textbooks; information and referral; transcription to braille/large print.

Rehabilitation: Diagnostic and prevocational evaluation; vocational placement services; supported employment; psychological testing; social work services; rehabilitation counseling; communication skills; orientation/mobility; adaptive technology training; transcription/typing; audiology and rehabilitation teaching. Day treatment program provides diagnostic treatment and rehabilitative services to multiply

disabled blind and deaf-blind adults. Operates the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.

Recreational: Senior citizens service centers in 4 locations; summer camp for children up to age 14; fishing; bowling. Refers for other recreation services. Co-op scouting program.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; and supported employment.

Computer Training: Comprehensive adaptive technology and computer training services for educational and vocational purposes.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Low Vision Center prescribes aids and other low vision devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Brooklyn: Helen Keller Services for the Blind, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 522-2122, FAX (718) 935-9463.

Hempstead: Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Nassau Service Center and Rehabilitation Center, 320 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 485-1234, FAX (516) 538-6785.

Huntington: Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Suffolk Service Center, 40 New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743, (516) 424-0022, FAX (516) 424-0301.

Industries for the Blind of New York State

1522-24 Central Avenue

Albany, NY 12205
(518) 456-8671
FAX: (518) 456-3587
Steven M. Ennis, President-Executive Director

Type of Agency: Sales.

Funded by: Fees for service.

Budget: \$632,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Inc. 1946.

Area Served: New York State.

Sales organization actively markets blind-made products to state agencies, political subdivisions, and public benefit corporations under provisions of the New York State finance law, working with nine qualified, nonprofit workshops for blind persons.

Jefferson County Association for the Blind

321 Prospect Street
Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 782-2451
Veneta G. Ford, Office Manager

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons of all ages.

Funded by: United Way; capital funds; contributions.

Budget: 1991: \$66,800.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1919.

Number of Clients Served: 480.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Jefferson County.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Home visits to individuals in Jefferson County; counseling. Referrals to community services.

Reading: Talking book machines. Placement of special radio receivers.

Low Vision: Low vision aids.

Jewish Guild for the Blind (The Guild)

15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6200

FAX: (212) 769-6266

John F. Heimerdinger, President and Chief Executive Officer
Alan R. Morse, Executive Vice President

Type of Agency: Private; nonprofit; nonsectarian.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically disabled; multiply disabled.

Funded by: Fees, Medicaid, United Way, contributions.

Budget: \$26,977,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Evenings by appointment only.

Program Accessibility: Handicapped accessible.

Staff: 421 full time. Uses volunteers, in addition.

History/Date: Est. 1914.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 4,800.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: No geographic limitations.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Serves all visually impaired/blind persons from infancy through extreme old age.

Health: Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF). Diagnostic and treatment center. Short-term medical rehabilitation. GuildCare: Adult Day Health Program provides

comprehensive health care, case management, vision rehabilitation, and recreational services for visually impaired/blind adults with medical needs who can benefit from day services. Medicaid reimbursable program includes transportation. Available in Manhattan, the Bronx and Yonkers campuses, as well as in Albany and Buffalo.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychiatric clinic; continuing day treatment program; individual, group, family/parent, couple, crisis, substance abuse counseling; referral to community services. Case management services for visually impaired persons with HIV/AIDS. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: The Guild School accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; developmentally disabled; orthopedically disabled; neurologically impaired or brain damage. Programs for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development; high school equivalency.

Preschools: Early Intervention Program for infants through age 3. Preschool for 3 to 5 year olds.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation; social work; special education and other related disciplines. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; transcription to braille; tape recording services, upon request; volunteer reading service. Information and referral.

Residential: The Home for Aged Blind is a 214-bed skilled nursing facility in Yonkers, New York; includes a special 22-bed Alzheimer's unit and a 20-bed unit for visually impaired persons with

AIDS. Joselow House is an intermediate care facility for multihandicapped adults in New York City.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon, typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; remedial education; communication skills; work adjustment training; adapted physical education; sensory training; physical therapy; occupational therapy; psychiatric evaluation and treatment. Provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; word processing; supported employment, customer service representative training. Consultation to employers.

Computer Training: Includes adaptive devices, i.e., synthetic speech, large-print and braille.

Low Vision: Low vision services available.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

New York: Main Headquarters, 15 West 65th Street, New York, NY 10023, (212) 769-6200.

Yonkers: The Home for Aged Blind, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701, (914) 963-4662, (212) 365-3700.

Yonkers: Kramer Vision Rehabilitation Center, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701, (914) 963-4661, (212) 365-3700.

The Lighthouse Inc.
800 Second Avenue

New York, NY 10017
(212) 808-0077 or (800) 334-5497
or TDD (212) 808-5544
FAX: (212) 808-0110
Barbara Silverstone, DSW,
President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Vision rehabilitation services for all ages, research and education programs.

Funded by: Fees, government grants, product sales, investment income, contributions.

Budget: \$18,372,000 (excluding Lighthouse Industries).

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 459 full time, 66 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1906 (as the New York Association for the Blind).

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 3,281 received direct services; 6,162 registered.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Greater New York.

Age Requirements: None.

Health: Diabetic education, insulin device training, health counseling, sex education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; crisis intervention; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services.

Educational: Afterschool programs for children and teenagers; leisure education; music; arts; high school equivalency.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; therapeutic recreation;

rehabilitation counseling.

Professional training programs and seminars for professionals in allied fields.

Reading: Full-service library including braille, cassettes, Kurzweil Reader and print enlarger; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services; volunteer reading service.

Rehabilitation: Independent living skills; braille; handwriting; reading machines; typing; home management; orientation/mobility. Community and facility-based programs.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; adult recreation programs; adult vacation center; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill development; occupational skill development; clerical skills training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered and production workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service and job coaching. Vision education programs for employers and employees.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices; assessment, training, speech, braille and large print systems.

Low Vision: Evaluation and services. Prescription of spectacles or aids. Follow-up.

Local Offices:

Elmhurst: Queens Lighthouse, 60-05 Woodhaven Boulevard, Elmhurst, NY 11373, (718) 899-9100.

Long Island City: Lighthouse Industries, 36-02 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101, (718) 937-9338.

Medford: Suffolk Lighthouse, 1731 North Ocean Avenue, Medford, NY 11763, (516) 654-3522.

Poughkeepsie: Dutchess Lighthouse, 244 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, (914) 473-2660.

Staten Island: Staten Island Lighthouse, One Edgewater Plaza, Suite 316, Staten Island, NY 10305, (718) 816-9777.

Waretown: Adult Vacation Center, Waretown, NJ 08758, (609) 698-5061.

White Plains: Westchester Lighthouse, 44 Church Street, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 761-3221.

North Country Association for the Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 1338
Lake Placid, NY 12946
(518) 523-1950
Alfred P. Sullivan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for the totally blind, visually impaired, and legally blind persons. Also general information and education programs are provided.

Funded by: Gifts, donations, bequests, contracts, and Lions Clubs.

Budget: \$200,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time; 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1989.

Number of Clients Served: 350.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Clinton, Franklin, Essex, and St. Lawrence counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Home visits and counseling by the agency or by referral to another organization.

Preschools: Rehabilitation teaching and social casework for infants to school-age children.

Rehabilitation: Services for older person; home-based and community-based training; homemaking skills, kitchen management; activities of daily living.

Employment: Activities scheduled in the community.

Low Vision: Optometrists provide low vision services on consultancy basis.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aids can be ordered through the agency.

Low Vision Follow-up: After two months.

Northeastern Association of the Blind

301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1211
FAX: (518) 436-4194
Dr. Michael B. Freedman, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped blind.

Funded by: Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital funds, fund raising, grants.

Staff: 41 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1908.

Eligibility: Legally blind, severely visually impaired.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision service. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Case management; social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual/group counseling; placement in school,

training; referral to community services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; rehabilitation teaching; social work. In-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book referral and follow-up services; braille; large print; information and referral.

Residential: Boarding homes for adults, multiply handicapped.

Rehabilitation: Independent living evaluation; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching and mobility training in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; swimming; skiing; jogging; tandem-bike riding; beep baseball.

Employment: Diagnostic and prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service; comprehensive office training; small engine repair.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices; vocational preparation in word and data processing.

Low Vision Aids: Evaluation and prescription of low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Pioneer Center, Inc.

2516 Lodi Street
Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 476-3598
Domenico Cavaluolo, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; others.

Funded by: Sub-contracts, income from capital funds, fees.

Staff: 23 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1950.

Eligibility: Multiply handicapped blind.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; individual/group counseling; placement in training.

Educational: Program for vocational/skill development. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; other multiply handicapped.

Professional Training: Training and/or supervised fieldwork placement in industrial arts; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.

Residential: Off-site apartments. Adult group home.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; typing; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential camp; swimming; skiing; bicycling. Provides recreation services on evenings and weekends.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered employment and community-based supported employment; vocational training and placement; follow-up service.

Rockland County Association for the Visually Impaired

Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center
Room 126, Building C
Pomona, NY 10970
(914) 354-0200, ext. 2051
FAX: (914) 362-0834
Ruth C. Wein, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To help blind and visually impaired people retain or regain independence.

Funded by: County of Rockland; United Way; fees; contributions.

Budget: \$500,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 10 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 1,296.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Orange and Rockland counties.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; crisis intervention; individual and group counseling; referral to community services.

Educational: In-service training programs to community agencies; internship/fieldwork placement in social work; tutoring.

Reading: Loan and repair of talking book record player and cassette; large-print magazines; information and referral; instruction and use of video magnifier; volunteer reading service.

Rehabilitation: Personal and home management; braille; typing; writing and communication skills; orientation/mobility; daily living skills; instruction in client's home and community; skills instruction; low vision aids instruction.

Recreational: Leisure time activities; needlecraft and book discussion groups.

Low Vision: Low vision aids referral.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

St. John's Episcopal Home for the Aged and Blind

452 Herkimer Street
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 467-1885

Thomas Fiorilla, Administrator

Funded by: Public funds, endowment, Greater New York Fund, and contributions.

History/Date: Est. 1851.

Area Served: Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment. Eyeglasses available.

Residential: Facilities for adults.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility training.

Southern Tier Association for the Visually Impaired

719 Lake Street
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 734-1554
FAX: (607) 734-9467

Stephen Connors, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provides services for legally blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Contributions; workshop sales; endowment; fees.

Budget: 1991: \$850,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 20 full time, 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1930.

Eligibility: Persons who are legally blind; visually impaired; able to benefit from service.

Area Served: Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Seneca and Yates counties.

Health: Glaucoma screening program.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and referral services, public education and in-service training.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home management; communication; low vision service.

Employment: On-the-job training; sheltered workshop.

Low Vision: Arthur P. Darling Low Vision Center, Corning, NY—functional assessments; adaptive equipment; low vision aides.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

817 Broadway, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10003
(212) 477-3800

FAX: (212) 477-6613

Nancy D. Weber, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Community and rehabilitation services for visually impaired older adults. Camp services for visually impaired/blind and multiply disabled adults. Services for blind parents and children.

Funded by: Contributions; United Way; grants; legacies; fees; government contracts.

Budget: \$2 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility:

Rehabilitation in home; camp fully accessible.

Staff: 24 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1926. Formerly called Vacations and Community Service for the Blind incorporating the Center for Independent Living.

Number of Clients Served: 1,500.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired elderly or multiply disabled persons or family members.

Area Served: New York City and metropolitan area.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 55 years or multiply disabled and 18 and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: General social services—short-term counseling, information, referral and concrete services. Group programs and social services in 41 neighborhood senior centers (Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester) promote integration of older visually impaired adults into community life.

Educational: Public education boroughwide forums; group education; and vision screening.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; occupational therapy. In-service program for professionals in allied fields.

Residential: Overnight respite care in the camp facility during weekends/summer sessions for blind multiply disabled adults living with a caregiver.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching (personal management, communications, housekeeping); orientation/mobility; occupational therapy. Training provided in the client's home and community. Consultations to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Vacation Camp for the Blind in Spring Valley, New York. Three 12-day sessions and

special winter weekends. Capacity 195 beds. Full range of recreational activities with adapted facilities. Social work supervision.

Employment: Counselor in training; pre-employment mentoring project; summer employment for blind, visually impaired, or disabled persons.

Low Vision: Referral as part of a rehabilitation program.

Publications: Self-help publications on cassette and in print for visually impaired adults and professionals. Publications teach sensory development, housekeeping skills, basic indoor mobility, and personal management.

Westchester Independent Living Center, Inc.

297 Knollwood Road
White Plains, NY 10607
(914) 682-3926

Joseph R. Bravo, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Direct services to disabled population.

Funded by: State Education Department.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Eligibility: Disability.

Area Served: Westchester and Rockland counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provides social evaluation, community services. Individual counseling for clients and their families.

Educational: Vocational/skill development, available to the multiply handicapped.

Professional Training: Training/supervised fieldwork for gerontology low vision positions. In-service programs, short-term/summer, open enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book records and tapes.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living (personal management).

Recreational: Arts/crafts; hobby groups; special programs for the elderly.

Employment: Provides career/skill counseling, referral for prevocational evaluation.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Aurora of Central New York

616 South Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 422-7263

FAX: (315) 422-4792

Katherine Hevener, Director,
Computer Access Technology Program

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Baruch College

Computer Center for the Visually Impaired

17 Lexington Avenue
P.O. Box 515
New York, NY 10010
(212) 447-3070

FAX: (212) 447-3050

Dr. Karen Luxton, Director
Judith Gerber, Manager

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Computer Access for the Blind

135 West 23rd Street

New York, NY 10011

(212) 255-6688

Mindy Fleigelman, Computer Consultant

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

ENABLE

1603 Court Street
Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 455-7591

Carol Tytler, Director, Assistive Technology

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Finger Lakes Independent Center

609 West Clinton Street
Suite 112

Ithaca, NY 14850

(607) 272-2433

Richard Farruggio, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050

(516) 944-8900 (voice and TDD)

Jim Belanich, Senior Instructor

Computer Training: Screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit

television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

320 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 485-1234
Frank Romano, Associate Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Lavelle School for the Blind

East 221th Street and Paulding Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469
(718) 882-1212
Louis DeLisi, Computer Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

LIFT

P.O. Box 1072
Mountainside, NY 07092
(908) 789-2443
FAX: (908) 382-2754
Donna Walters Kozberg, Executive Vice President

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems;

computer programming; systems analysis.

New York Institute for Special Education

999 Pelham Parkway
Bronx, NY 10469
(718) 519-7000
John Hernandez, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; training for instructors.

Northeastern Association of the Blind

301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1211
Peter Siciliano, Office Training Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Techspress/RCIL

409 Columbia Street
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 797-4642
FAX: (315) 797-4747
Russ Holland, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787
(516) 265-2121 or (800) 548-4337
FAX: (516) 361-5192
Wells B. James, CAE, CFRE

Mission: Offers professional training of blind persons with dog guides, without fee. Maintains breeding and puppy-raising program.

Funded by: Contributions and endowments.

Budget: \$2.4 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1946 and Inc. 1949.

Area Served: International in scope.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.

611 Granite Springs Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
(914) 245-4024
FAX: (914) 245-1609
John F. Kullberg, Ed.D., President

Mission: Breeds, raises, and trains dog guides and instructs blind individuals in their use. Trains own instructors, maintains follow-up service for graduates.

Funded by: Corporate, foundation, and individual gifts.

Budget: 1992: \$5,580,257.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

Staff: 57 full time; 20 part time; 95 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1954.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 160 annually.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Educational: Has public education program, including speakers bureau.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

New York State Ophthalmological Society

550 Orchard Park Road, #A101
Buffalo, NY 14224-2650
(716) 675-3131
Michael A. Sansone, M.D.,
President

New York State Optometric Association, Inc.

90 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 449-7300
Jan Dorman

LOW VISION CENTERS

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc.

Low Vision Clinic

422 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620-1198
(716) 232-1111
FAX: (716) 232-6707
Marilyn Kuchmek, Low Vision
Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees (sliding scale); United Way; state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. mornings. Occasional Thurs.

Staff: 1 optician; 1 ophthalmologist; 3 optometrists.

Eligibility: Current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: For sale and loan only with doctor's prescription.

Low Vision Follow-up: After 2 months or 6 months, according to doctor's directions.

Blind Association of Western New York

1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 882-1025
Michael A. Sansone, M.D., Medical
Director
Peg McLean, Director of
Rehabilitation Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, third party payments, New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision technician/coordinator; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; social caseworker; vocational evaluator; communication instructor.

Eligibility: Recent eye report or ophthalmological exam at clinic.

Area Served: Western New York.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on recommendation.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided.

Deaconess Hospital of Buffalo, N.Y.

Wettlaufer Eye Clinic

100 High Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 845-5600
Joseph F. Monte, M.D., Chief
Geraldine Schneider, Clinic
Supervisor
Paula A. Gowin, Administrative
Assistant, Department of
Ophthalmology

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; fundus photographer.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Variable according to problem.

E. J. Meyer Memorial Hospital

462 Grider Street
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716) 894-1212, ext. 338
Paul J. Loree, M.D., Director

Funded by: County.

Hours of Operation: Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optician.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided for trial on loan; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment at 3 and 6 months, as indicated.

Flushing Hospital Low Vision Clinic

4500 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11355
(718) 670-5486
David S. Karan, M.D., Director,
Low Vision Clinic

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Sliding-scale fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmologist.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: New York City metropolitan area.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted on site.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

**Jewish Guild for the Blind/Home for Aged Blind
Kramer Vision Rehabilitation Center**

75 Stratton Street South
Yonkers, NY 10701
(212) 365-3700, ext. 544 or
(914) 963-4661, ext. 544
Helene D. Grossman, Vice
President and Director
William F. O'Connell, O.D.,
Director, Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Serving visually impaired/blind persons.

Staff: Optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; communication skills instructor; rehabilitation teacher.

Ophthalmologists available off site.

Eligibility: By referral, with diagnosis.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Lighthouse Low Vision Service

800 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017
(212) 808-0077
Michael Fischer, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, approved third party payers and the agency.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; optometrists; low vision instructor; optician; social worker; access to all other vision rehabilitation specialists.

Eligibility: Diagnostic eye report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided. Dispensing by optician.

Low Vision Follow-up: According to client's needs.

**Long Island Jewish Medical Center
Eye Care Center**

270-05 76th Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11042
(718) 470-7145
David A. Rosen, M.D., Chairman,
Department of Ophthalmology
Benjamin Freed, O.D., Attending
Optometrist

Funded by: Sliding-scale fees.

Hours of Operation: Fri.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision specialist (optometrist).

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Nassau and Queens.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial, if necessary.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and telephone.

**Low Vision Clinic
Helen Keller Services for the Blind (HKSB)**

57 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 522-2122
FAX: (718) 935-9463
William Dale, Clinic Administrator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enable persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind to lead as independent a life as possible.

Funded by: Medicaid, Medicare, client fees, New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-4:00 PM; by appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrists; social worker; rehabilitation teachers; orientation and mobility instructors.

Number of Clients Served: More than 1,200 annually.

Eligibility: Recent eye report.

Area Served: New York City metropolitan area and Long Island.

Low Vision Aids: Available for purchase with on-site training.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies according to patient needs.

Local Offices:

Hempstead: Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Nassau Service Center and Rehabilitation Center, 320 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 485-1234, FAX (516) 538-6785.

**Low Vision Service
State University of New York
College of Optometry**

100 East 24th Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 420-5012 or Low Vision
Appointments: (212) 420-5013
FAX: (212) 420-5094
Bruce P. Rosenthal, O.D., Director,
Low Vision Service
Roy Gordon Cole, O.D., Assistant
Director

Type of Agency: University low vision service.

Mission: Provides low vision services and training for clinical internships and residencies in low vision.

Funded by: State funds, patient fees, Medicaid, Medicare.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM-12:00 noon; 1:00-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometry interns; externs; residents; optician; social worker; pediatrician;

internist; neurologist; staff available through associated agencies in New York City include psychologist; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator.

Number of Clients Served: Low vision service: approximately 2000.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision: Complete evaluations and special testing including VEP's, ERG's, ultra sound, and color vision analysis.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Two weeks after initial visit.

Montefiore Hospital Medical Center

Low Vision Service

3332 Rochambeau Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467
(212) 920-4926

William F. O'Connell, O.D.,
Director, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; third-party payments; New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM. By appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; optician.

Eligibility: Diagnosis and referral required.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

310 East 14th Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 979-4375

Judith Gurland, M.D.,
Ophthalmologist, Director
Suzanne Schudel, Low Vision
Assistant/Ophthalmic Technologist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic technologist; low vision assistant; optometrist; social worker; audiologist.

Eligibility: Poor visual acuity; clinic and private patients not in need of mobility training.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Can be purchased directly; provided for trial; rental fee; on-site training.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview at 1 month.

Northeastern Association of the Blind

301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1211
FAX: (518) 436-4194
Albert M. Morier, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Tues. 8:00 AM-Noon.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist-low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access: 2 full-time instructors, training 3-12 months; contact: Andy Davidson,

Manager, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, (518) 463-1211.

Low Vision Aids: On-site and community training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment with rehabilitation teacher.

Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Low Vision Clinic and VICTORS Program

79 Middleville Road
Northport, NY 11768-2290
(516) 261-4400

Leon Hoffman, O.D., Supervisor,
Low Vision Clinic
Allen H. Cohen, O.D., F.A.A.O.,
Chief, Eye/Vision Program
Brendal Weiss, O.D., F.A.A.O.,
Coordinator, VICTORS Program

Funded by: Federal government.

Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; optometrists; audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; psychiatrist; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; speech therapist; vocational counselor.

Eligibility: Visually impaired veterans.

Area Served: Long Island, New York.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Visual impairment service team counselor available.

Rehabilitation: VICTORS Program, intensive 5-day inpatient rehabilitation program for partially sighted veterans.

Low Vision: On-site evaluations and training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Supplied free to eligible veterans (service-connected disability).

Low Vision Follow-up: By recall system.

**North Shore University Hospital
Low Vision Services**

300 Community Drive
Manhasset, NY 11030
(516) 562-4530
Marc C. Epstein, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Alternate
Fri., 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

Staff: Ophthalmology resident;
optometrist; social worker;
occupational therapist;
rehabilitation counselor; orthoptist;
rehabilitation teacher;
psychologist/counselor;
audiologist.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided
on loan; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment.

**Queens Lighthouse Low Vision
Service**

60-05 Woodhaven Boulevard
Elmhurst, NY 11373
(212) 808-0077 or (718) 899-9100
Michael Fischer, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, approved
third party payers, agency.

Hours of Operation: Tues. and
Thurs. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
optometrist; low vision instructor;
optician; social worker; access to all
other vision rehabilitation
specialists.

Eligibility: Diagnostic eye report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes. On-site
training provided. Dispensing by
optician.

Low Vision Follow-up: According
to client's needs.

**University Eye Institute
SUNY Health Science Center at
Syracuse**

Vision Rehabilitation Center
550 Harrison Center #340
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 464-5253
FAX: (315) 464-6663
Mary M. Jackowski, Ph.D., O.D.,
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Federal and state
funds, private insurance, client
fees.

Staff: Optometrist, low vision
coordinator, nurse-educator.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
purchase and rental.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointment.

**Westchester Lighthouse Low
Vision Services**

44 Church Street
White Plains, NY 10601
(914) 761-3221
FAX: (914) 761-0484
William F. O'Connell, Clinical
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, approved
third party payers, grants, and the
agency.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues.,
Wed., 8:00 AM-6:00 PM; Thurs.
8:00 AM-8:00 PM; Fri. 8:00 AM-
5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrists; nurses;
optician; low vision instructor;
social worker; access to all other
vision rehabilitation specialists.

Eligibility: Diagnostic eye report.

Area Served: Westchester,
Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess,
Orange, Sullivan, Ulster counties.
Connecticut and surrounding areas.

Computer Training: Training on
computer aids and devices.
Referral by state required.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purpose at no charge;
provided for purchase; prescribed
and fitted for variable charge. On-
site training provided. Dispensed
by optician.

Low Vision Follow-up: According
to client's needs.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Office for the Aging

New York State Plaza
Agency Building Two
Albany, NY 12223
(518) 474-4425 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 342-9871
Jane Gould, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Department of Social Services
New York State Commission for
the Blind and Visually
Handicapped**

10 Eyck Office Building
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12243
(518) 473-1801
Eugene Luini, Acting Assistant
Commissioner
Richard Ratajak, Project Director,
(518) 474-2209

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

NORTH CAROLINA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Division for Exceptional Children

Education Building
116 West Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-1712
(919) 733-3921
E. Lowell Harris, Director, Division for Exceptional Children
Ed Stone, Textbook Consultant
George Lee, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs
Kathy Nisbet, Early Childhood Consultant

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides braille, cassette tape and large-type textbooks for Grades 1-12. Offers consultation on education programs.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Area Served: North Carolina.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Developmental Disabilities Section

Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

North Carolina Department of Human Resources

325 North Salisbury Street

Raleigh, NC 27611
(919) 733-3654
FAX: (919) 733-9455
Duncan Munn, Chief of Day Services

SCHOOLS

Governor Morehead School

301 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-6381
FAX: (919) 733-1855
Sheila S. Breitweiser, Ed.D., Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Budget: \$6.5 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, (office hours).

Staff: 260 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1845.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 170 enrolled, 30 more through outreach.

Eligibility: Legally blind and multiply disabled.

Area Served: North Carolina.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years: preschool day program; 5-21 years: residential program.

Health: Treatment of minor eye conditions; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech, hearing, occupational and physical therapy; low vision. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual counseling; transition services; placement in school, training. Refers for other counseling/social work services;

access to Lions Clinic Assessment Center.

Educational: Preschool through 12. Programs for general academic studies; vocational/skill development; special programs for multiply disabled blind persons.

Preschools: 8 sites: serving 22 counties in Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Morganton, Fayetteville, Greenville, and Wilmington.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in vocational areas; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille and recorded magazines; Kurzweil Reader; computers; radio reader service.

Residential: Cottages for children.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; keyboard; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory motor training; prevocational and vocational workcenters. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Recreational: After school programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; leisure activities; fitness activities; residential summer camp; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading; goalball.

Employment: Career and skill counseling transition services; refers for some other employment services.

Computer Training: Y.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or George Lee, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs, Division for Exceptional

Children, North Carolina
Department of Public Instruction,
Raleigh, NC 27603-1712, (919)
733-3004.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind

309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9822
Herman O. Gruber, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: State and Title XX
funds.

Staff: 91 full time for overall
program (social workers, dually
certified teachers, 4 children's
program consultants). Has advisory
board for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1935.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Genetic and other
counseling; adaptive equipment.

Educational: Instruction in all
developmental areas.

Low Vision: Low vision exams
available on consultant or referral
basis.

Home-based program and
consultant services to other
programs for visually impaired
multiply disabled children.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

North Carolina State Library
1811 Capital Boulevard

Raleigh, NC 27635
(919) 733-4376 or TDD (919) 733-
1462

FAX: (919) 733-6910

Charles H. Fox, Librarian

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1958.

Area Served: North Carolina. Also
serves South Carolina with braille.

Regional library providing talking
books on disk and on cassette,
braille and large-type books,
talking book machines, and
accessories.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Blue Ridge Brailers

175 Bingham Road
Asheville, NC 28806-3800
(704) 255-5921

Helen Hicking, Assignment
Chairman.

Area Served: Buncombe County,
western North Carolina.

Groups Served: K-12; college
students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Braille lists supplied
at no charge.

North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind

309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9703
FAX: (919) 733-9769
Herman O. Gruber, Director

Area Served: Statewide.

Groups Served: K-12, adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books,
cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

RADIO READING

Central Piedmont Community College Radio Reading Service

P.O. Box 35009
Charlotte, NC 28235
(704) 342-6994

Jim Bailey, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
7:00 AM-10:00 AM, 7:00 PM-
9:00 PM; Sat. 7:00 AM-9:00 AM;
Sun. 4:00 PM-6:00 PM; all other
hours, programming from In Touch
Networks.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Area Served: Mecklenburg
(Charlotte), Gaston, Iredell,
Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, Union
counties.

Neighborhood News for the Blind

P.O. Box 7405
Winston-Salem, NC 27109
(919) 761-5257
T. Cleve Callison, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Sat.
8:00 AM-9:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: 35-mile radius from
Winston-Salem.

Radio Reading Services, Inc.

817B Brooklyn Street
Raleigh, NC 27605
(919) 832-5138
Annette Henry, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a
day, 7 days a week.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Area Served: Metropolitan
Raleigh, Wake County.

Southeastern North Carolina Radio Reading Service

1200 Murchison Road

Fayetteville, NC 28301
(919) 486-7007
Terri Wilson, Executive Director

Western North Carolina Radio Reading Service

73 Broadway
Asheville, NC 28801
(704) 251-2166
Robert Brummond, President

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

North Carolina Society to Prevent Blindness

2626 Glenwood Avenue
Suite 555
Raleigh, NC 27608-1047
(919) 832-2020 or (919) 571-1014
FAX: (919) 571-1502
Jennifer Green, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Lexington Affiliate

309 West Third Avenue, #2B
Lexington, NC 27292
(704) 249-0819
Terry Stuby, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness North Carolina Affiliate

2231 Sagamore Road
Charlotte, NC 28209
(704) 525-9466
Pam Allen, President

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Piedmont Affiliate

601 Norwalk Street
Greensboro, NC 27407
(919) 292-8124
Marilyn Green, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Metrolina Sight Services

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NEC*TAS)

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind

309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9822
FAX: (919) 733-9769
Herman O. Gruber, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State, federal, and county funds.

Staff: 286 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1935.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Health: Complete eye examinations and follow-up including eyeglasses, surgery and treatment; medical work-ups for clients.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Nongraded. Accepts deaf-blind, blind, and visually impaired students. Programs for vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Morehead School for the Blind, K-12. Staff: 190. Birth - 4 years.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs; contracts with university system.

Reading: Reader services.

Residential: Rehabilitation center, Morehead School.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Refers for residential summer camp.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training; homebound employment.

Low Vision: Low vision aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Asheville: Western Regional Office, 50 South French Broad Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801.

Fayetteville: South Central Regional Office, 225 Green Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301, (919) 486-1582.

Greenville: Eastern Regional Office, 404 St. Andrews Street, Greenville, NC 27834, (919) 355-9016.

Raleigh: Evaluation Unit, Raleigh Lions Clinic, 315 Hubert Street, Raleigh, NC 27603, (919) 733-4281.

Raleigh: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 305 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27606, (919) 733-5897.

Winston-Salem: North Carolina Regional Office, 201 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, (919) 761-2345.

REHABILITATION

Industries of the Blind

920 West Lee Street
P.O. Box 3544
Greensboro, NC 27402
(919) 274-1591 or (919) 272-0927
FAX: (919) 274-9207
Derek M. Davis, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop; vocational training agency.

Mission: To assist visually impaired persons to develop their capabilities to the fullest and offer employment opportunities to those who wish to work.

Funded by: Workshop sales and sub-contracts.

Budget: \$14.5 million.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 14.

History/Date: Est. 1933.

Number of Clients Served: 103.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; referred from North Carolina Services for the Blind.

Area Served: North Carolina and parts of South Carolina and Virginia.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Provided by Services for the Blind of North Carolina.

Rehabilitation: Vocational evaluations, vocational training, training in independent living skills.

Employment: Sheltered workshops; vocational training.

Low Vision Aids:
Recommendations and referrals.

Lions Club Industries for the Blind, Inc.

1810 East Main Street
P.O. Box 11305
Durham, NC 27703
(919) 596-8277
FAX: (919) 598-1179
William L. Hudson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind.

Funded by: Workshop sales.

Staff: 6 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual counseling; placement in training.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; sheltered workshops.

Lions Services

1702 North Brevard Street
Charlotte, NC 28206
(704) 333-1527
FAX: (704) 375-9403
Charles Lamm, Executive Director

Funded by: Workshop sales.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Employment: Job training; job retention; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; supported employment; computer training.

Metrolina Association for the Blind

704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
(704) 372-3870
FAX: (704) 372-3871
Robert Scheffel, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Fees; United Way; endowment.

Budget: \$850,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Number of Clients Served: 600 annually.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Greater Charlotte area.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Reading: Transcription to braille, large print, and tape. Computer braille and large print.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; braille; handwriting; typing; home management. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Electronic travel aids; audio devices.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

Employment: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Spectacles or aids; resale of aids and appliances; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Low Vision Aids: Lends and resells low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

North Carolina Lions Foundation

P.O. Box 39
 Sherrills Ford, NC 28673-0039
 (704) 478-2135
 FAX: (704) 478-4419
 Robert E. Spencer, Executive
 Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To serve the needs of visually impaired and hearing impaired persons.

Funded by: Contributions and Lions Clubs of North Carolina.

Budget: \$1,250,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Number of Clients Served: 3,000.

Eligibility: Visually impaired and hearing impaired.

Area Served: North Carolina.

Age Requirements: All ages.

Health: Supports eye and human tissue bank. Supplementary medical help.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral service.

Recreational: Operates Camp Dogwood.

Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind

315 Hubert Street
 Raleigh, NC 27603
 (919) 833-8611
 FAX: (919) 833-5664
 James W. Wells, President

Type of Agency: Private non-profit rehabilitation facility.

Mission: To vocationally rehabilitate visually impaired persons by successfully placing them in competitive employment.

Funded by: Income from manufactured items for federal government under the Jewit-Wagner-O'Day Program and subcontracting for private industry.

Hours of Operation: Clinic: Mon. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Tues.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Administrative

Offices: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM daily.

Staff: 27.

History/Date: Est. 1966.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 53 blind transitional employees and 206 clients.

Eligibility: Determined by the NC Division of Services for the Blind.

Area Served: Provides services for blind and visually impaired persons statewide through evaluation and work adjustment training.

Provides employment for blind persons at local level.

Age Requirements: 18 and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Vocational counseling services provided through the NC Division of Services for the Blind. Human services personnel, available to assist in areas affecting employees outside of employment.

Educational: Vocationally related classes provided, as necessary, for clients in training.

Residential: No residential housing on site; residential arrangements for clients are made through the NC Division of Services for the Blind.

Rehabilitation: Provides for vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, limited sheltered employment, supported employment, medical services, and job placement services in competitive employment.

Employment: Provides limited sheltered employment.

Low Vision: Low vision screening provided for clients.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision clinic on site carries extensive array of low vision aids for clients being served.

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind

7730 North Point Drive
 Winston-Salem, NC 27106
 (919) 759-0551
 FAX: (919) 759-0990
 Delmer P. Wall, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital income.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 18.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served: 110.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Kenersville, Yadkinville, Elkin, King, Rural Hall, North Wilkesboro.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years of age.

Professional Training:

Evaluations and training.

Employment: Evaluations; vocational training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

Low Vision Aids: Vision technology.

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind**Ashville Division**

45 South French Broad Avenue
 Asheville, NC 28801
 (704) 258-2332
 Randy Buckner, Plant Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales and sub-contracts.

Staff: 3 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1938.

Eligibility: Blind or legally blind.

Transportation: Y.

Employment: Vocational training; sheltered workshops.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

North Carolina Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

305 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-5897
FAX: (919) 733-9769
Pattie Barker, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

North Carolina Society of Ophthalmology

Department of Ophthalmology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 966-5296
Kenneth L. Cohen, M.D., President

North Carolina State Optometric Society, Inc.

Box 1206
114 North Pine Street
Wilson, NC 27893
(919) 237-6197
Sue Gardner, Contact Person

LOW VISION CENTERS

Asheville Lions Club Eye Clinic

45-A South French Broad Avenue

Asheville, NC 28801

(704) 252-5706

Albert B. Anderson, MD,
Chairman, Board of Directors
Ann Rice, LPN

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide eye care assistance for low-income visually impaired individuals. To eliminate the potential for blindness among the citizens of Buncombe County.

Funded by: United Way; Asheville Lions Club; Buncombe County government.

Budget: \$81,702.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Volunteer director, nurse, office secretary, screening technician.

Number of Clients Served: 150 for Low Vision Services; 16,156 for other services.

Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Asheville and Buncombe County.

Health: Public glaucoma and diabetes screenings; individuals may come to office by appointment for eye pressure, blood sugar or blood pressure check. Hearing screening in office. No charge for any services.

Preschools: Vision screenings provided to private and public schools; referrals to eye care specialists for elevated readings.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; sold at cost; on-site or in-home training provided. No charge to individual other than actual cost of low vision aids. Assistance in finding several aids to purchase if needed.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit and/or phone interview; varies according to patient. As many visits as necessary to satisfy needs.

Duke University Eye Center Duke University Medical Center

Box 3802

Durham, NC 27710

(919) 684-6778

FAX: (919) 681-6343

Banks Anderson Jr. M.D., Medical Director

Joanna Russell, RN, Evaluator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide low vision aids and training in their use for patients with low vision.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Low vision service by appointment only, Weds. and Fri.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician; rehabilitation counselor, low vision evaluator.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available by social worker on staff.

Low Vision: Examination and rehabilitation referral by ophthalmologists; low vision evaluation, including prescriptions for optical aids, spectacles, magnifiers, and telescopes.

Low Vision Aids: Available for purchase and on-site use.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as needed.

North Carolina Memorial Hospital Low Vision Clinic

101 Manning Drive

CB 514

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 966-2061

Henry A. Greene, O.D., Director,
Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Fri.
9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Staff: Genetic counselor; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: By referral within medical center.

Rehabilitation: By referral within medical center.

Low Vision Aids: Refundable return deposit for trial period; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable fee. On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind Evaluation Unit

North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind

315 Hubert Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

(919) 733-4281

FAX: (919) 833-5664

W. A. Shearin, M.D.,

Ophthalmologist

James W. Wells, President

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Rehabilitation of blind, visually impaired and multiply disabled individuals.

Funded by: North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. (Low vision clinic on Monday only).

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant/nurse; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologist's report or referral by North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind Rehabilitation Program. Resident of North Carolina.

Area Served: North Carolina.

Low Vision Aids: Provided to eligible rehabilitation clients.

Low Vision Follow-up: By rehabilitation counselor.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division of Aging

CB 29531

693 Palmer Drive

Raleigh, NC 27626-0531

(919) 733-3983 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 662-7030

Alfred B. Boyles, Assistant

Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

NORTH DAKOTA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

600 East Boulevard Avenue

State Capitol

Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

(701) 224-2277

Gary W. Gronberg, Director of
Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers
supplemental state funds for
visually impaired children
attending local schools. Provides
consultation on educational
programs.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: North Dakota.

For further information, consult the
Division of Special Education.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Developmental Disabilities Division

North Dakota Department of Human Services

600 East Boulevard

State Capitol

Bismarck, ND 58505-0270

(701) 224-2768

FAX: (701) 224-2359

Robert Graham, Early Childhood
Coordinator

Service coordination.

SCHOOLS

North Dakota School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road

Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799

(701) 795-3876

FAX: (701) 795-3878

Michael Graham, Superintendent
and Administrator of Vision
Services

Type of Agency: State residential
school.

Mission: Services for totally blind;
legally blind; visually impaired;
deaf-blind; learning disabled;
mentally retarded.

Staff: 42 full time, including 12
full-time visually handicapped and
dually certified teachers, 1 speech
pathologist, 1 occupational
therapist, 1 half-time physical
therapist, and 17 part-time staff.

Various specialists are available as
consultants. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1908.

Eligibility: Visual impairment that
impedes school progress.

Age Requirements: 3-26 years.

Health: Low vision exams,
immunizations, blood tests, and
other health services available on
consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Family, parent, couple
counseling; placement in school;
genetic counseling. Refers for and
contracts for other counseling/
social work services.

Educational: Grades preschool
through 12. Accepts deaf-blind;
emotionally disturbed; learning
disabled; mentally retarded;
orthopedically handicapped;
speech impaired; autistic. Programs
for general academic; prevocational
and vocational.

Reading: Talking book record
player and cassette player; talking
book records and cassettes; braille
books; large print books; braille
magazines; recorded magazines;
Optacon and Kurzweil Reading
Machine.

Recreational: Afterschool
programs; arts and crafts;
swimming; track.

Employment: Occupational skill
development. Contracts and refers
for other employment-oriented
services.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices.

Low Vision: Aids or devices.

Consultant services to other
programs for visually impaired,
multiply disabled children.

Contact local school
superintendent for program
information and availability.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

North Dakota School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road

Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799

(701) 795-3876

Betty Bender, Media Specialist

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Instructional
materials.

Media Formats: Braille available
on a limited basis.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Acts as a depository for large-print
and braille materials.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of North Dakota

Department of Special Education

Grand Forks, ND 58202

(701) 777-3188

Dr. Myrna Olson, Visually
Impaired Program

Programs Offered: Graduate
programs for teachers of visually
impaired students.

Distance Education: Y.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped

800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2295
(605) 773-3514
FAX: (605) 773-4950
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

See South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped in South Dakota state listings.

TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

North Dakota Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

1407 24th Avenue South
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(701) 746-9411
Michael Graham, Administrator of Vision Services

Distributor of talking machines.

RADIO READING

Dakota Radio Information Service

Liberty Memorial Building
Capitol Grounds
Bismarck, ND 58505
(701) 224-2497
Sally Oremland, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Area Served: North Dakota.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation North Dakota Department of Human Services

400 East Broadway, Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58501-4038
(701) 224-3999 or (800) 472-2622
or TDD (701) 224-3975
Gene Hysjulien, Associate Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Staff: 122 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1921.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Contracts for adult continuing education.

Professional Training: In-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players.

Rehabilitation: Braille; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility. Contracts for other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement follow-up service. Contracts for and refers for other employment-oriented services.

Regional Offices:

Bismarck: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, West Central Human Service Center, 600 South Second Street, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701) 255-0060, FAX (701) 224-2180.

Devils Lake: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Lake Region Human Service Center, Highway Two West, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701) 662-7581 or TDD (701) 662-3404, FAX (701) 662-2830.

Dickinson: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Badlands Human Service Center, Pulver Hall, Dickinson, ND 58601-4857, (701) 227-2771, FAX (701) 227-2003.

Fargo: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Southeast Human Service Center, 15 North Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102, (701) 237-4513 or TDD (701) 280-2905, FAX (701) 239-7205.

Grand Forks: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Northeast Human Service Center, 1407 24th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701) 746-9411 or TDD (701) 775-3352, FAX (701) 777-5079.

Jamestown: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third Street N.W., P.O. Box 25055, Jamestown, ND 58402-2055, (701) 252-2641, FAX (701) 253-3003.

Minot: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, North Central Human Service Center, 400 22nd Avenue N.W., Minot, ND 58701-1080, (701) 852-1251, FAX (701) 857-0849.

Williston: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Avenue West, P.O. Box 1568, Williston, ND 58802-1568, (701) 774-4330, FAX (701) 774-4339.

REHABILITATION**Vision Services of North Dakota
North Dakota School for the Blind**

500 Stanford Road
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799
(701) 795-3876

Michael Graham, Administrator of
Vision Services

Employment: Comprehensive
vocational evaluation services and
training.

Rehabilitation: Daily living skills;
orientation/mobility.

**COMPUTER TRAINING
CENTERS****Demonstration and Training
Center****North Dakota School for the Blind**

500 Stanford Road
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799
(701) 795-3876

Janice Sowokinos, Computer
Specialist

Computer Training: Speech
output systems; screen
magnification systems; braille
access systems; optical character
recognition systems; word
processing; computer operating
systems; database software;
closed-circuit television systems.

**◆ Low Vision
Services****EYE CARE SOCIETIES****North Dakota Society of
Ophthalmology and
Otolaryngology**

Fargo Clinic
737 Broadway, Box 2067
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 237-2305

C. Gary Pramhus, M.D., President

**North Dakota Optometric
Association, Inc.**

120 North 3, Suite 125
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 258-6766
Virginia Corwin

◆ Aging Services**STATE UNITS ON AGING****Aging Services Division
North Dakota Department of
Human Services**

Northbrook Shopping Center
North Washington Street
P.O. Box 7070

Bismarck, ND 58507-7070
(701) 224-2577 or Information &
Referral (800) 472-2622
Linda Wright, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

OHIO

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Ohio Department of Education Division of Special Education

933 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085-4087
(614) 466-2650
John Herner, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers state funds for visually handicapped children in local public schools. Provides consultation on educational services.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Ohio.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Ohio Department of Health Early Intervention Unit

246 North High Street
Fourth Floor
P.O. Box 118
Columbus, OH 43266-0118
(614) 644-8389
FAX: (614) 644-1759
Cindy Oser, Early Intervention Chief

Coordination of early intervention services in Ohio for disabled infants and young children birth-3 years.

SCHOOLS

Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 888-1154
Dennis L. Holmes, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:45 PM.

Staff: 127 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1837.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 130 annually.

Eligibility: Resident of Ohio; legal school age for visually impaired children. Recommendation for placement by school district of residence.

Area Served: Statewide.

Age Requirements: 3-22 years.

Health: Speech and hearing therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; orientation/mobility training; adaptive physical education.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies; vocational/skill development; deaf-blind programming. Education Assessment Clinic schedules and provides free multifactored assessments of visually impaired and deaf-blind children, when requested by residence school district.

Preschools: Day students only.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; special education.

Residential: Cottages.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; scouting; camping; wrestling; extracurricular cheerleading; boys' and girls' track; swimming; forensics; field trips. Refers for day residential summer camp.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Assessments for enrolled students.

Low Vision Aids: For enrolled students.

Low Vision Follow-up: For enrolled students.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or John Saylor, Education Consultant, Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education, 933 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085, (614) 466-1470.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Center for the Visually Impaired

220 Oberlin Road
Elyria, OH 44035
(216) 322-1122 or toll-free in Ohio
(800) 233-6777
FAX: (216) 322-2111
Linda St. Marie, LSW,
Rehabilitation Social Worker

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Education and counseling services for parents, family members, and other caregivers. Developmental assessments, training, and referral services.

Funded by: Client fees, government agencies' fees, contributions, United Way.

Budget: \$450,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Rehabilitation social worker; orientation/mobility specialist; other specialists available for consultation.

Eligibility: Visually impaired able to benefit from services.

Area Served: Northern central Ohio.

Educational: Remedial and developmental services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and education for parents, family, and providers; referral and advocacy.

Home-based services and consultation with other programs for visually impaired and multiply disabled infants and children.

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind

1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
FAX: (216) 791-1101
Michael E. Grady, Executive Director
Janet Stone Baro, Manager,
Children and Youth Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services to visually impaired persons.

Staff: 5 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision evaluation with full agency services available; occupational, speech, and language therapy; other health services available on referral basis; other specialists available as consultants.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family counseling; workshop for professionals and parents; parent support groups.

Educational: Provides consultation, training, and referral.

Home- and center-based programs for children 0-5 years, with or without other disabilities.

Consultant service to other schools and programs.

Wood County Office of Education
1 Courthouse Square

Bowling Green, OH 43402
(419) 352-3933

Judy Cernkovich, Teacher/
Consultant, Preschool, Visually
Impaired and Blind

Type of Agency: Public school.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 1 home-based preschool teacher also consults with preschool children attending existing programs.

History/Date: Est. 1975-76.

Number of Clients Served: 18.

Area Served: Wood, Hancock, Defiance, Henry, Williams, Fulton, Putnam, and Allen Counties of northwestern Ohio. Serves children within a 60-mile radius of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Age Requirements: Birth through 5 or until child enters school.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas to children served.

Home-based programs and consultation with other programs for visually impaired/multiply disabled children, 0-5 years.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 888-1154
Dennis L. Holmes, Superintendent

Funded by: State funds.

Age Requirements: 0-22 years.

Assessment: Y.

Consultation to Public Schools: Y.

Parent Assistance: Y.

Materials Production: Y.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Ohio Resource Center for Low Incidence and Severely Handicapped

470 Glenmont Avenue
Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 262-6131
FAX: (614) 262-1070
Julia Holton Todd, Coordinator

Area Served: Ohio.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

**Ohio State University
Department of Educational
Services and Research**

356 Arps Hall
1945 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43210
(614) 292-8174
FAX: (614) 292-4255
Dr. Marjorie E. Ward, Visually
Handicapped, (614) 292-8174

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired and of multiply disabled students.

**University of Toledo
Department of Special Education
Services**

2801 West Bancroft Street
Toledo, OH 43606
Dr. Ruth C. Lindecker, (419) 537-2072

Programs Offered: Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Cleveland Public Library Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114-1271
(216) 623-2911 or toll-free in Ohio
(800) 362-1262 or TDD (216) 623-7116
FAX: (216) 623-7036
Barbara T. Mates, Librarian

Funded by: Public funds; endowment; and contributions.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Area Served: Northern Ohio, including Columbus.

Regional library lending talking books, cassettes, and braille books. Provides reference and information referral services by telephone, mail, and in person using CD-ROM and OCR technology. Cooperates with the State Library of Ohio and other agencies to have talking book and cassette machines distributed.

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

800 Vine Street
Library Square
Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071
(513) 369-6074 or (513) 369-6075
or TDD (513) 369-6072 or toll-free
in Ohio (800) 582-0335
Donna Foust, Librarian

Type of Agency: Library.

Mission: Provide talking books, cassettes and braille books to readers.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 6 full time; 6 full-time equivalent.

History/Date: Est. 1903.

Number of Clients Served: 5,500.

Eligibility: Print disabled.

Area Served: Southern Ohio.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassette books, and tapes.

TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

Talking Book Program State Library of Ohio

65 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43266-0334
(614) 644-6897 or toll-free in Ohio
(800) 686-1531
FAX: (614) 466-3584
Judith Bow, Machine Lending
Information

Type of Agency: State library.

Mission: To bring library service to all residents of Ohio.

Funded by: State of Ohio and federal funds.

Budget: \$223,425.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 5 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Number of Clients Served:
Approximately 27,000.

Eligibility: Print handicapped, by application.

Area Served: State of Ohio.

Distributor of talking book machines and accessories.

65 machine subleasing agencies throughout Ohio.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Aid to Visually Handicapped

6200 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, OH 45213
(513) 631-2537
Phyllis Ringel, Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12, college students, adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, general books (as time allows).

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Bowling Green Volunteer Brailleists

1058 Melrose Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402
(419) 352-7283
Mrs. K. H. Smith, Chairperson

Groups Served: College students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Canton Program for the Visually Handicapped Canton City Schools

617 McKinley, S.W.
Canton, OH 44707
(216) 438-2551 or (216) 455-1010
FAX: (216) 455-0682
Cleo Lucas, Director of Special
Education

Area Served: Stark, Wayne, and surrounding area counties.

Groups Served: Preschool-grade 12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Dayton Public Schools

Bellhaven School
4401 Free Pike
Dayton, OH 45416
(513) 276-2141
Gerry Schooler, Materials
Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Temple Israel Sisterhood

333 25th Street, N.W.

Canton, OH 44709

(216) 455-5197

Suzanne Roth, Chairperson,
Services for the Blind

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Talking books/
cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Temple Sisterhood Braille Group

6453 Sylvania Avenue

Toledo, OH 43560

(419) 885-3341

Elaine Hershman, Chairperson,
Braille Group

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Literary,
textbooks, personal requests.

Media Formats: Braille.

Title Listings: None specified.

Toledo Society for the Blind (The Sight Center)

1819 Canton Avenue

Toledo, OH 43624-1380

(419) 241-1183

FAX: (419) 241-4510

Barry A. McEwen, President

Area Served: 21 counties in
northwestern Ohio; 2 counties in
southeastern Michigan.

Groups Served: Preschool; K-12;
college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
recreational; career/vocational;
religious; individual requests; local
newspapers.

Media Formats: Talking books/
cassettes; large-print books; braille.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Vision Center of Central Ohio

1393 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43201

(614) 294-5571

Richard P. Oestreich, Ph.D.,
Executive Director

Area Served: Central Ohio.

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational, career/vocational,
religious.

Media Formats: Braille books,
talking books/cassettes, large-print
books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Visually Handicapped Materials Center

Cincinnati Public Schools

2355 Iowa Street

Cincinnati, OH 45206

(513) 369-4617

Elizabeth R. Collins, Materials
Coordinator for the Visually
Impaired

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks,
recreational, career/vocational,
academic.

Media Formats: Braille books,
talking books/cassettes, large-print
books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Youngstown Braille Service

100 Wadsworth Street

Canfield, OH 44406

(216) 533-5989

Al Henderson, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

RADIO READING

Central Ohio Radio Reading Service

229 South High Street

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 464-2614

Sandy Turner, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: 50-mile radius from
Columbus including Columbus and
Franklin County plus 22
neighboring counties.

Cleveland Radio Reading Service

1909 East 101th Street

Cleveland, OH 44106

(216) 791-8800

Lynn Brewer, Supervisor,
Community Services

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
10:00 AM-8:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Greater Cleveland
area 50 miles radius.

Miami Valley Radio Reading Center

2673 South Dixie Highway

Dayton, OH 45409

(513) 294-1829

Marvin E. Rue, President
Lisa Spatz, Administrator

Type of Agency: Private, non-
profit.

Funded by: Contributions and
state funds.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a
day, 7 days a week.

History/Date: Est. 1977.
Area Served: Western Ohio.

Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network Commission

2470 North Star Road
 Columbus, OH 43221
 (614) 421-1714
 Dave L. Fornshell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.
Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-12:00 midnight, 7 days a week.
History/Date: Est. 1961.

Radio Reading Services of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

317 East Fifth Street
 Cincinnati, OH 45202
 (513) 621-4545
 Stuart Ami, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM to 12:00 midnight daily.
History/Date: Est. 1978.
Area Served: Greater Cincinnati area, including southwestern Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

Sight Center Audio Network

1819 Canton Avenue
 Toledo, OH 43624-1380
 (419) 241-1183
 Barry A. McEwen, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
History/Date: Est. 1819.

Area Served: Northwest Ohio and southwest Michigan.

Written Communications Radio Service (WCRS) for the Print Handicapped

1615 East Market Street
 Akron, OH 44305
 (216) 784-3393 (Akron) or
 (216) 452-2140 (Canton)
 Marcia Jonke, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; broadcast hours: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon-10:00 PM; no Saturday broadcast; Sun. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina, parts of Wayne, Ashland, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Carroll counties.

Youngstown Radio Reading Service

2747 Belmont Avenue
 Youngstown, OH 44505
 (216) 759-0100
 Mike Bosela, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 12:00 noon-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness Ohio Affiliate

1500 West Third Avenue
 Suite 200
 Columbus, OH 43212-2874
 (614) 464-2020
 FAX: (614) 486-9670
 Sherill K. Williams, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Columbus Affiliate

Comprehensive Eye Center
 700 Children's Drive
 Columbus, OH 43205
 (614) 461-7647 or (614) 771-4262
 Robyn Fillman, Vision Specialist

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Northeast Ohio Affiliate

29227 Oakdale
 Willowick, OH 44095
 (216) 943-5339
 Jamie Callender, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Toledo Affiliate

719 Sandralee Drive
 Toledo, OH 43612
 (419) 478-0652
 Anne DeLong, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind

The Clovernook Center Opportunities for the Blind

Delta Gamma Foundation

Mercy Braille Library

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission

Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired

400 East Campus View Boulevard
 Columbus, OH 43235-4604
 (614) 438-1255
 FAX: (614) 438-1257
 William A. Casto, III, Director
 Robert L. Rabe, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To work in partnership with people with disabilities to

assist them to achieve full community participation through employment and independent living opportunities.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$19.7 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:45 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 150 (includes vocational rehabilitation counselors, rehabilitation teachers, vocational development specialists, and business enterprise specialists).

History/Date: Est. 1908.

Number of Clients Served: October 1992: 5,122.

Eligibility: A physical or mental disability that results in a substantial handicap to employment and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation may benefit the person in terms of employability. Priority is given to persons who are legally blind.

Area Served: Ohio.

Health: Medical and eye health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling service.

Educational: Financial support for clients to attend technical or vocational college or a public university. Emphasis is on training to help clients become gainfully employed.

Rehabilitation: Contract for services.

Employment: Evaluation and vocational training; business enterprise programs.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Services available.

Low Vision Aids: Available for loan.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Cincinnati: 617 Vine Street, Suite 905, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2423, (513) 852-3223.

Cleveland: 310 Lakeside Avenue West, Second Floor, Cleveland, OH 44113-1000, (216) 787-3375.

Columbus: 3333 Indianola Avenue, Suite 402, Columbus, OH 43214-4192, (614) 466-7730.

Toledo: 5533 Southwyck Boulevard, Suite 101, Toledo, OH 43614-1592, (419) 866-5811.

REHABILITATION

Akron Blind Center and Workshop

325 East Market Street
Akron, OH 44304

(216) 253-2555

FAX: (216) 762-1313

David Reinheld, President
Joseph Giovanni, Workshop Director

Type of Agency: Rehabilitation services and workshop.

Mission: To ensure a better quality of life for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Private grants and donations.

Budget: \$322,000.

Hours of Operation:

Rehabilitation services Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.
Workshop Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-3:30 PM.

Staff: School: 22 part-time teachers; 3 full-time non-teaching staff. Workshop: 4 full time.

Number of Clients Served: 1,400, talking book program. 120, rehabilitation services. 125, workers at the workshop.

Eligibility: Talking book program, visually impaired or physically disabled. Rehabilitation services, legally blind. Workshop, legally blind.

Area Served: Summit County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Educational: Braille, typing, basic computer training.

Rehabilitation: Workshop and classes.

Employment: Workshop and training.

Computer Training: Basic.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Local Offices:

Akron: Workshop, 25 North Fir Street, Akron, OH 44304, (216) 762-1313.

Center for the Visually Impaired

220 Oberlin Road

Elyria, OH 44035

(216) 322-1122 or toll-free in Ohio (800) 233-6777

FAX: (216) 322-2111

Kevin E. Walter, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; and multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: Fees, United Way, endowment funds, gifts, and contracted fees.

Budget: \$450,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 9 full time, and contract rehabilitation professionals. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1941.

Eligibility: Visually impaired of all ages able to benefit from services.

Area Served: Northern Ohio.

Health: Vision screenings for preschool and adult populations; glaucoma testing. Provides educational seminars on a variety of topics including diseases of the

eye and aids and appliances for individuals with diabetes.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Case management; individual, family, and parent counseling; advocacy; referral to community services; referral for other counseling/social work services; job placement and employer consultation services.

Educational: In-school consultation and rehabilitation training.

Preschools: Early intervention services.

Reading: Lends talking book machines and cassette players as a subleasing agency. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; functional assessment and training. Low vision services; electronic applications assessment and training; occupational services at the job site.

Recreational: Tandem bicycling.

Employment: Job placement and training services.

Computer Training: Adaptive systems for IBM-compatible computers.

Low Vision: Full clinic and community-based services.

Low Vision Aids: Comprehensive lending library and catalog sales.

Professional Training: Internship and fieldwork placements in orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching, and social work.

Cincinnati Association for the Blind

2045 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490
(513) 221-8558
FAX: (513) 221-2995
Hank E. Baud, Ed.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Fees, United Way, capital income, contributions, fees from government agencies.

Budget: \$7 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Building is fully accessible.

Staff: 39 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1910.

Number of Clients Served: 3,000 annually.

Eligibility: Vision loss that interferes with normal functioning.

Area Served: Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

Health: Low vision services; glaucoma screenings. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individualized assessment; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies. Information and referral.

Preschools: Early childhood intervention service (community based).

Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player.

Rehabilitation: Personal and home management; braille and other communication skills; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Arts and crafts. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Computer Training: Training on computer access technology.

Low Vision: Prescription and instruction in use of low vision aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on trial basis; available for purchase

after evaluation; instruction provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As indicated.

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind

1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
FAX: (216) 791-1101
Michael E. Grady, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Funded by: Fees; United Way; capital income; contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 88 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Number of Clients Served: 1,200 new and reopened cases each year; 13,000 preschool children screened yearly.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Primarily Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and parts of Medina and Summit counties; other parts of Ohio and neighboring states for some programs.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Glaucoma and amblyopia screening and referral; audiology testing; diabetic education and counseling; refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family, parent, and couple counseling; and referral to other community services; consultation.
Educational: Educational consultation, orientation/mobility

in schools. Summer pre-college and vocational training program, including assessment, counseling and remedial classes for high school juniors and seniors.

Preschools: Home- and center-based early intervention program for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation teaching; regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players. Information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand; radio reading services; Ukrainian Taping Service and lending library.

Residential: On-site apartments for in-training students.

Rehabilitation: Counseling; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility; adaptive communications; college prep and vocational readiness program; STORER Computer Access Center and closed circuit televisions; aids and appliances shop. Services for school-age children and early intervention preschool program. Community rehabilitation for seniors. Deaf-blind services. Diabetes education/counseling for individuals with both diabetes and vision loss.

Recreational: Residential summer camp; full recreational therapy program.

Employment: Food service training and snack bar employment. Vocational counseling and consultation. Refers to other employment services.

Computer Training: Introduction to a variety of access software and

hardware through STORER Computer Access Center.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic services.

Low Vision Aids:

Recommendation and sale of aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: 3 months after visit.

Outreach offices in five suburbs.

Cleveland Skilled Industries

2239 East 55th Street
Cleveland, OH 44103
(216) 431-8085 or (216) 431-8234
FAX: (216) 431-5123
Robert E. Comben, Jr., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit vocational rehabilitation agency.

Mission: To provide training and work opportunities for visually impaired persons in the Cleveland area.

Funded by: Self-supporting.

Budget: \$1,500,000.

Hours of Operation: 6:45 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 6.

History/Date: Inc. 1980.

Number of Clients Served: More than 100.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, 16 years of age and older.

Area Served: Greater Cleveland.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Rehabilitation: Vocational.

Employment: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**The Clovernook Center
Opportunities for the Blind**

7000 Hamilton Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45231

(513) 522-3860

FAX: (513) 728-3943 access *2

Gerald W. Mundy, Ed.D.,

Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Provide visually impaired persons, particularly those with multiple handicaps, with services and training necessary for the attainment and maintenance of each individual's optimal level of independence.

Funded by: Workshop sales, capital income, contributions, fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 32 full time, 12 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1903.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, legally blind.

Area Served: Services provided locally. Referrals accepted from the United States and other countries.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Some health services. Refers to community for primary care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group counseling; case management; referral to community services.

Preschools: Cooperative venture with local school district provides preschool services to disabled and non-disabled students; Head Start Program.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; rehabilitation teaching.

Residential: Provide supported living program, training, and maintenance services for community living. Assessment center for supported living program.

Rehabilitation: Programs include: supported living program; vocational services program; summer program for youth; community-based instruction. Services offered: personal management (i.e. self-care, eating skills, telling time); communication skills (i.e. braille, typing, handwriting, listening skills, CCTV); homemaking/management; orientation and mobility; evaluation and training; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Individualized leisure programming with emphasis on community participation.

Employment: Vocational counseling; transitional work services; job coaching; job development; work adjustment sheltered workshop.

Low Vision: Referral to community low vision clinic with follow-up by Clovernook staff.

Fairfield County Center for the Visually Impaired

500-502 North High Street
Lancaster, OH 43130
(614) 687-4785
Kathy Moos, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services to blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: United Way; private donations; Title XX funds; AIL funds; fees; endowment funds; Lions clubs; grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and by appointment.

Staff: 1 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Number of Clients Served: 300 annually.

Eligibility: Visual impairment that interferes with independent functioning.

Area Served: Fairfield and Hocking counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: All ages served.

Health: Adult and preschool vision screenings; literature and guest speakers; referrals for financial assistance with cost of medical care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support groups and referral.

Reading: Talking book cassette and record players; radio reading service; closed circuit televisions.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching in clients' homes.

Recreational: Therapeutic activities for socialization.

Low Vision: Functional low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: Assessment and provision of low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

George A. Martin Center

3603 Washington Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45229
(513) 961-0144
William Poole, Administrator

Funded by: Contributions and earnings.

History/Date: Est. 1929.

Area Served: Greater Cincinnati. Intermediate care nursing facility for the blind.

Goodwill Industries of Dayton

1511 Kuntz Road
Dayton, OH 45404
(513) 461-4800
William Jessee, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales and sub-contracts, United Way, contributions, and fees.

Staff: 26 full time, 15 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Eligibility: Visually, physically, mentally, or emotionally disadvantaged.

Area Served: Montgomery, Greene, Logan, Miami, Shelby, Darke, and Preble counties.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral service; group work; psychological testing.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; work adjustment; orientation/mobility training; rehabilitation teaching.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; work activities center.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Sells aids and appliances.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center

10600 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45215
(513) 771-4800
Joseph S. Byrum, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, and Community Chest.

Staff: 60 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1916.

Eligibility: Any handicap.

Area Served: Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 16 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral

service; group work; psychological testing.

Residential: Facilities for adults.

Rehabilitation: Personal management.

Recreational: Social activities.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; machine trades; watch school; clerical and janitorial training; industrial sewing.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Philomatheon Society of the Blind, Inc.

2810 Tuscarawas Street West
Canton, OH 44708

(216) 453-9157

Duane Immel, President

Type of Agency: Private.

Funded by: Contributions.

Staff: 3 full time, 4 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1924.

Eligibility: Totally and legally blind only. Cannot accept diabetics or epilepsy patients. Clients in residential facilities must be able to navigate stairs.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players.

Residential: Boarding home for adults.

Samuel W. Bell Home for Sightless, Inc.

1507 Elm Street

Cincinnati, OH 45210

(513) 241-0720

Louis A. Hoff, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Services for legally blind persons.

Funded by: Endowments and contributions.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Est. 1925.

Number of Clients Served: 22.

Eligibility: Legally blind; must be able to care for themselves.

Age Requirements: Over 18.

Residential facilities for legally blind men, women, and couples.

Toledo Society for the Blind (The Sight Center)

1819 Canton Avenue

Toledo, OH 43624-1380

(419) 241-1183

FAX: (419) 241-4510

Barry A. McEwen, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide services that maximize the independence of individuals who are visually impaired and blind and minimize the incidence of visual impairment.

Funded by: United Way, fees, donations, endowment, and Lions Clubs.

Budget: \$750,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 14 full time, 10 part time; more than 650 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1923.

Number of Clients Served: More than 30,000.

Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired. Prevention of blindness services available to general public.

Area Served: 21 counties of northwestern Ohio, 2 counties of southeastern Michigan.

Health: Vision screening (preschool; school age; adult glaucoma); industrial eye safety, prevention of blindness programs, low income eye clinics.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, family, peer, and group counseling; information and referral.

Educational: Children's services.

Preschools: Children's services, vision stimulation.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training program for universities, hospitals, interns, nursing homes, and related institutions.

Reading: Talking book distribution and repair center; reading services including radio reading service; braille and large-print transcription and duplication; closed-circuit televisions; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; children's educational specialist.

Recreational: Summer camp; group social functions.

Low Vision: Vision rehabilitation services, low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribes spectacles; provides low vision aids training; sells aids and appliances.

Low Vision Follow-up: Performed by medical, rehabilitation, and technology staff.

Vision Center of Central Ohio

1393 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43201

(614) 294-5571

Richard P. Oestreich, Ph.D.,
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: Fees, sub-contracts, United Way.

Budget: \$2.5 million.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Staff: 40 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1927.

Number of Clients Served: 1,500 per year.

Eligibility: Visual impairment that constitutes a handicap to employment.

Area Served: State of Ohio.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for some eye health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in institution. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; psychological evaluation. Short-term or summer training.

Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player. Information and referral.

Residential: Dormitory for adults.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory perception; homebound teaching service.

Employment: Prevocational and vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; work adjustment. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment-oriented services. Job-seeking skills training; clerical training.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic serving all age groups.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Columbus: Vision Center Industries, 3232 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211, (614) 261-9816.

Vocational Guidance Services

2239 East 55th Street
Cleveland, OH 44103
(216) 431-7800 or (800) 227-6625
FAX: (216) 431-5123
Edward J. Jeschelnig, Case Services Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To furnish all visually impaired people with tools needed to participate in competitive employment.

Budget: \$11,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 98.

History/Date: Est. 1890.

Number of Clients Served: 100 per year.

Eligibility: Documented disability.

Area Served: Northeastern Ohio.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 17 and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: All services available.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Employment: Clerical and other employment training.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Cincinnati Association for the Blind

2045 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490

(513) 221-8558

FAX: (513) 221-2995

Mark Foersterling, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43214

(614) 888-1325

William Bolsen, Contact Person

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; training for instructors.

STORER Computer Access Center

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society of the Blind

1909 East 101th Street

Cleveland, OH 44106

(216) 791-8118

FAX: (216) 791-1101

Jeffrey A. Daily, Director, Rehabilitation and Educational Services

Mary Jo Strittmatter, Supervisor, Rehabilitation Services

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Vision Center of Central Ohio

1393 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43201
(614) 294-5571

Jo Ann Slagle, Rehabilitation
Technician

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS**Pilot Dogs, Inc.**

625 West Town Street
Columbus, OH 43215-4496
(614) 221-6367

J. Jay Gray, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides guide dogs to blind persons and renders training in the satisfactory use of such guide dogs.

Funded by: Lions Club, Pilot Guide Dog Foundation, general public.

Budget: \$788,452.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 28.

History/Date: Est. 1948; inc. 1950.

Number of Clients Served: 155 per year.

Eligibility: Legally blind; physically and mentally capable.

Area Served: United States, Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

Transportation: Y.

Trains and supplies dog guides for blind persons. Provides consultation and referral services. Has public education program.

◆ Low Vision Services**EYE CARE SOCIETIES****Ohio Ophthalmological Society**

1500 Lake Shore Drive
Columbus, OH 43204-3842
(614) 486-2401
FAX: (614) 486-3130
Anitra Metheny, Executive Director

Ohio Optometric Association, Inc.

169 East Livingston Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 224-2600
Earl K. Green

LOW VISION CENTERS**Center for the Visually Impaired**

220 Oberlin Road
Elyria, OH 44035
(216) 322-1122 or toll-free in Ohio
(800) 233-6777
FAX: (216) 322-2111
Kimberly Spong-Stepak, LSW, RT

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Personal adjustment and occupational rehabilitation services for blind and visually impaired persons of all ages.

Funded by: Client fees, government agencies' fees, contributions, United Way.

Budget: \$450,000.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Optometrist; rehabilitation social worker; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor; employment consultant.

History/Date: Est. 1941.

Eligibility: Visually impaired able to benefit from services.

Area Served: North central Ohio.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for trial period; available for purchase; community-based training and follow-up procedure.

Cincinnati Association for the Blind

2045 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490
(513) 221-8558
FAX: (513) 221-2995

Susan Kimbrough, Low Vision Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Client fees, contributions, United Way, fees from government agencies.

Budget: \$7 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Building is fully accessible.

Staff: Optometrists; low vision specialists; social worker; orientation/mobility specialists; rehabilitation teacher; computer specialist.

History/Date: Est. 1910.

Number of Clients Served: 3,000 annually.

Eligibility: Vision loss that interferes with normal functioning.

Area Served: Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

Health: Glaucoma screenings; refers for other health services.

Low Vision: Prescription and instruction in use of low vision aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on trial; available for purchase after evaluation; instruction provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As indicated.

**Cleveland Sight Center of the
Cleveland Society for the Blind**

1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118
FAX: (216) 791-1101
Barbara Tomko, Director,
Community and Social Services
Robert V. Spurney, M.D., Medical
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees on a sliding
scale; contributions; Medicare;
Medicaid; state fees; public school
systems.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., by
appointment.

Staff: 2 optometrists; 1 low vision
specialist.

Eligibility: Vision loss.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Evaluation,
recommendation, and trial, sale of
vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
trial; on-site training provided;
follow-up.

Low Vision Follow-up: 3 months.

Goodwill Industries of Dayton

1511 Kuntz Road
Dayton, OH 45404
(513) 461-4800
William Jessee, President
Jerome Motter, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: One day per
month.

Eligibility: None.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and
mobility instructions; rehabilitation
teaching.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: After 1
month.

**Low Vision Service
Medical College of Ohio**

10008 Arlington Avenue
Toledo, OH 43699
(419) 381-3806
Phillip Nelson, Acting Chairman

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician;
low vision assistant. Referrals to
audiologist; orientation/mobility
instructor; rehabilitation counselor;
rehabilitation teacher; social
worker; vocational counselor.

Eligibility: Complete eye
examination by ophthalmologist
within the past 12 months.

Area Served: Northwest Ohio.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes; may be
purchased.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment within 2 weeks.

**Ohio State University College of
Optometry**

Low Vision Clinic

320 West Tenth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210
(614) 292-1113
Greg Good, O.D., Ph.D., Director

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; residents;
ophthalmologists.

Eligibility: Referrals from
previous doctor.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return
appointment in 6 months as
necessary.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Ohio Department of Aging

50 West Broad Street
Ninth Floor
Columbus, OH 43266-0501
(614) 466-5500
Judith Brachman, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

OKLAHOMA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Oklahoma State Department of Education

Special Education Section

Oliver Hodge Memorial Education Building

2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599
(405) 521-3351

John Corpolongo, Special Education Section Director
Rex S. Howard, State Coordinator
Dr. Jill Burroughs, Coordinator of Preschool Handicapped,
(405) 521-3351

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending public schools. Provides consultation and in-service training for public schools. Distributes large type books through Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Provides resource and program information through state coordinator.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Area Served: Oklahoma.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

4545 North Lincoln Boulevard
Suite 114

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

(405) 521-4016

FAX: (405) 524-0417

Patrice Dunkelgod, ICC Coordinator

Provides planning and coordination for the implementation of early childhood services for Oklahoma infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with developmental delays and disabilities. Does not provide direct services.

Oklahoma State Department of Education

Special Education Section

Oliver Hodge Memorial Education Building

2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599
(405) 521-4880

FAX: (405) 521-6205

Cathy Perri, Early Intervention Administrator

Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, birth to 3 years. Home-based programs. To be eligible, a child must have one of the following: 50 percent delay in one area, 25 percent delay in two or more areas, or diagnosed syndrome that may result in delay.

SCHOOLS

Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)

3300 Gibson Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-6641

Garold Conn, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically disabled, and multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: \$4,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 133 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1897.

Eligibility: Educable; resident of the state with a visual impairment not adequately served in school district.

Area Served: Statewide.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Audiology services; speech therapy. On-campus dental, pediatric, ophthalmological and physical therapy. Referrals for other services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school.

Educational: Preschool through grade 12. Programs for college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Located at Oklahoma School for the Blind.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

Residential: Dormitories, on-site apartments.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training; computer training.

Recreational: After-school programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; weekend day camp; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; modified games; archery; weight lifting; goal ball.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending facility training; work-study. Refers for vocational placement.

Computer Training: Access. At all levels, literacy training for all students.

Low Vision: Low vision service. Sells or lends low vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Some provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Low vision clinic once a week.

Contact local school superintendent for information or Rex S. Howard, State Coordinator, Special Education Section, 2500 North Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-3351.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Little Light House, Inc.

5120 East 36th Street
Tulsa, OK 74135-5228
(918) 664-6746
Marcia Mitchell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Private donations.

Budget: 1992-93: \$720,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 30 full time (occupational/speech therapists, special educators).

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Eligibility: Physical or mental disability.

Area Served: Tulsa and surrounding areas.

Age Requirements: 0-10 years or mental age of 6 years.

Preschools: Serving deaf, blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Professional Training: Vocational special education.

Reading: Braille and large-print books.

Developmental center for disabled children. Nonresidential day program.

Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)

3300 Gibson Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-6641
Garold Conn, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential school.

Mission: Services for totally blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled students.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 monies; private donations; income from capital funds; state funds.

Budget: \$3,900,000.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Includes teachers of visually impaired students, early childhood specialists, orientation/mobility specialists, social workers, physical therapists, and psychologist.

History/Date: Est. 1907.

Number of Clients Served: 105.

Eligibility: Residents of Oklahoma.

Area Served: Oklahoma.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Low vision exams; immunizations; adaptive equipment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling. Other consultants' services to parents.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Self-contained classes for visually impaired and for multiply impaired children, aged 3-5.

Professional Training: In-service training provided during school year.

Reading: Reading specialist.

Residential: Y.

Rehabilitation: Visual services and vocational counseling.

Recreational: Y.

Employment: Prevocational training and work experience.

Computer Training: Computer lab.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic held once per week.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided by staff and low vision clinic.

Consultant services to other programs on request for visually impaired infants, 0-2 years, with or without other disabilities.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)

3300 Gibson Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-6641
Mary Sue Oxtoby, Outreach Coordinator

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Age Requirements: Infancy to 21 years.

Assessment: Provided on campus at no charge. Low vision, psychoeducational; orientation and

mobility; physical therapy; speech and language; audiological; academic; daily living skills; developmental.

Consultation to Public Schools:

On request. Professionals come to Parkview for observation and training. Outreach Coordinator will go to schools on request.

Direct Service: Very limited.

Parent Assistance: Provides information by telephone and mail. Workshops and conferences on campus for training purposes; observation of classrooms; demonstration of equipment and techniques.

Professional Training:

Conferences and in-service training in teaching braille; orientation and mobility; early childhood intervention; daily living skills; low vision adaptation; computer technology.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 N.E. 18th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 521-3514 or (405) 521-3833
FAX: (405) 521-4582
Geraldine Adams, Director
Paul Adams, Machine Lending Information

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds administered under the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Division of Visual Services.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 25.

History/Date: Est. 1933.

Area Served: Oklahoma. Provides braille material to residents of Kansas.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, cassette tapes, talking book machines and repair service.

Special Services

Tulsa City-County Library System

1520 North Hartford
Tulsa, OK 74106
(918) 596-7920 or (918) 596-7922 or TDD (918) 596-7965
FAX: (918) 596-7283
Ellen Ontko, Librarian

Subregional library.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 N.E. 18th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 521-3514
FAX: (405) 521-4582
Geraldine Adams, Director

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; any requests.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Oklahoma Radio Reading Service

300 N.E. 18th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 521-3514
Jim Holder, Program Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-11:00 PM; no weekend hours.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan region, Stillwater area, including Enid, Ponca City.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Oklahoma Society to Prevent Blindness

6 N.E. 63rd Street, #150
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 848-7123

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Oklahoma Affiliate

1546 South 76th East Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74112
(918) 663-5555
William Walters, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Narrative Television Network

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Oklahoma State Office of Visual Services

Oklahoma Department of Human Services

2409 North Kelly Street
P.O. Box 25352
Oklahoma City, OK 73125
(405) 424-6006
Jerry Dunlap, Administrator
Raymond Hopkins, Visual Services Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1920.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Health: Contracts for health services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching; orientation and mobility training.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

Low Vision Aids: Has low vision aids or devices.

Local Offices:

Ada: 1628 East Beverly, Ada, OK 74820, (405) 436-2430.

Enid: 2405 South Van Buren, Enid, OK 73702, (405) 233-0244.

Idabel: 1300 S.E. Adams, Idabel, OK 74745, (405) 286-3789.

Lawton: 2 East Lee Boulevard, Lawton, OK 73502, (405) 248-8600.

McAlester: 513 East Choctaw, McAlester, OK 74501, (918) 423-8800.

Muskogee: 727 South 32nd, Muskogee, OK 74402, (918) 684-5331.

Oklahoma City: 300 N.E. 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, (405) 521-3514 (Library for the Blind).

Oklahoma City: 608 Stanton L. Young Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, (405) 271-6638.

Oklahoma City: Evaluation Center, 5813 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73109, (405) 636-0140.

Oklahoma City: Vending Facility Warehouse, 300 N.E. 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, (405) 521-3723.

Oklahoma City: 5813 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73119, (405) 636-0140.

Stillwater: 522 South Ramsey, Stillwater, OK 74076, (405) 372-2017.

Tulsa: 444 South Houston, Tulsa, OK 74127, (918) 581-2352.

Tulsa: 3666 North Peoria, Tulsa, OK 74106, (918) 428-6304.

USAO-Chickasha: University of Science and Arts, Davis Hall, Room 119, P.O. Box 82486, USAO-Chickasha, OK 73018, (405) 222-0685.

Vinita: Eastern State Hospital Building 8 East, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5275.

Weatherford: 1203 Lera Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096, (405) 772-5805.

Woodward: 4902 Oklahoma Avenue, Woodward, OK 73802, (405) 256-6738.

REHABILITATION

Oklahoma League for the Blind
P.O. Box 24020
Oklahoma City, OK 73124
(405) 232-4644
Nasir Ahmed, Acting Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Funded by: Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, miscellaneous.

Staff: 12 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Eligibility: Visual impairment; 18 years or older.

Area Served: Oklahoma.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; job placement within the agency. Provides consultation to other agencies for some employment services.

Local Offices:

Tulsa: Oklahoma League for the Blind, 5705 East 13th Street, P.O. Box 582710, Tulsa, OK 74158, (918) 836-7521, Dale Lamar, Manager.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)

3300 Gibson Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-6641
Jeanne Meyer, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Oklahoma State Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

The Enid Eye, Inc.
615 East Oklahoma, Suite 101

Enid, OK 73701
(405) 233-4711
Charles A. Lawrence, M.D.,
President

Oklahoma Optometric Association

Lincoln Plaza Office Center
4545 North Lincoln Boulevard,
Suite 105
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 524-1075
FAX: (405) 524-1077
Sandra Gragg, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

College of Optometry Northeastern State University

Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-5511, ext. 4000 or
(918) 458-3160
Linda Edmondson, O.D., Director
of Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; federal
and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optician; optometrist;
optometry student; psychologist;
social worker.

Eligibility: No restrictions
(priority given to Indian Health
Service eligible patients).

Area Served: Northeastern
Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri.

Low Vision Aids: Sold at cost;
prescribed and fitted for variable
charge; on-site or in-home training
provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies
according to patient.

**Dean A. McGee Eye Institute
Travis Harris Low Vision Center**
608 Stanton L. Young Drive

Oklahoma City, OK 73104
(405) 271-2144
Amalia Miranda, M.D., Director,
Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; county,
state, federal funds; foundation
grants; personal donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic
technician. Through ancillary staff
of McGee Eye Institute and
Oklahoma Department of Human
Services: optician; orientation/
mobility instructor; rehabilitation
teacher; rehabilitation counselor.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for
purchase; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment.

Oklahoma City, OK 73125
(405) 424-6006, ext. 2840
Jerry Dunlap, Administrator
Paul Bowerman, Project Director,
(405) 424-4311, ext. 2849

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Aging Services Division Oklahoma Department of Human Services

2409 North Kelly Street
P.O. Box 25352
Oklahoma City, OK 73125
(405) 521-2327
Roy Keen, Division Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Rehabilitation Services Division Oklahoma Department of Human Services

2409 North Kelley Street
P.O. Box 25352

OREGON

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Oregon Department of Education

700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.

Salem, OR 97310

(503) 378-2677

Maurine Otos, Assistant

Superintendent, Special Schools/
Regional Programs

Mission: Through six regional programs, provides supplemental state funds for the education of children who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, deaf-blind, orthopedically impaired, or have autism or severe health impairments. Offers consultation to local school districts and specialized instruction and related services to children. Lends special education material, including braille and large type books, tape, tape recorders, talking books, and talking book machines, needed for the education of visually impaired children. Offers reading service.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: Teachers of visually impaired students, orientation and mobility teachers.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Number of Clients Served: 800.

Eligibility: Meet Oregon eligibility criteria for visual impairment.

Area Served: Oregon.

Age Requirements: 0-21.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Self-help groups.

For information about local facilities, consult the Department of Education at the above address.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education Programs

Oregon Department of Education

700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.

Salem, OR 97301

(503) 378-3598

FAX: (503) 373-7968

Sandi Fink, Early Childhood Coordinator

Mike Barker, Early Childhood Coordinator

Valerie Miller-Case, Early Childhood Specialist

Jane Moore, Early Childhood Specialist

Diana Allen, Early Childhood Specialist

Provides early intervention programs for children 0-5 years of age.

SCHOOLS

Oregon Department of Education Special Education Division Program for Deaf-Blind Children

700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.

Salem, OR 97310

(503) 378-3598

Nancy Johnson-Dorn, State Coordinator/Specialist for Deaf-Blind

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide technical assistance and support to educational programs serving children who are deaf-blind.

Funded by: Title VI-C.

Staff: 7 part time.

Number of Clients Served: approximately 90.

Eligibility: Eligible as both visually and hearing impaired according to Oregon Administrative Rule eligibility criteria.

Area Served: Oregon.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Consultant services to programs for deaf-blind children, 0-22 years; services provided from program to local education agency/state schools and other agencies serving deaf-blind persons.

Oregon School for the Blind

700 Church Street, S.E.

Salem, OR 97301

(503) 378-3820

FAX: (503) 373-7537

Neil Kliewer, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: 1992-93 school year: \$2,589,991.

Hours of Operation: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Staff: 55 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1873.

Number of Clients Served: 52 residential, 345 outreach.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; resident of Oregon where no local educational/training program is appropriate.

Area Served: State of Oregon.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Low vision service; physical therapy; general health services; refers for specific health problems; vision stimulation.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family/parent counseling. Consultation for behavioral programs.

Educational: Preschool through grade 6 for general academic studies.

Preschools: Provided through regional programs.

Professional Training: In-service training for staff; internships and practice in cooperation with universities.

Reading: Y.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; closed circuit television; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial work skills; prevocational education; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Recreational: Services include swimming; bowling; social situations; community resources. Summer programs and student assessment for public school youngsters.

Employment: Work experience on and off campus provided.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Oregon Department of Education

700 Pringle Parkway, S.E.

Salem, OR 97310

(503) 378-3826

Norma Paulus, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Maurine Otos, Assistant

Superintendent, Special Schools/
Regional Programs

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Home-based programs and consultant services for preschool visually impaired/multiply impaired persons.

Funded by: Various federal funds and state general fund.

Staff: Certified teachers of visually impaired students plus orientation/mobility specialists.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Area Served: Oregon.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Low vision exams; adaptive equipment; various health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling and workshops; genetic counseling; other social services.

Educational: Provides direct instruction or consultation/referral in all developmental areas; scholarships for regular preschool attendance. Itinerant model for consultative and direct instruction to children.

Regional Offices:

Region I: Eastern Oregon Regional Program, 10100 North McAllister Road, Island City, OR 97850-2193, (503) 963-4106, Margaret Decker, Coordinator.

Region II: Central Oregon Regional Program, 520 N.W. Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701, (503) 938-5253, Kathy Emerson, Coordinator.

Region III: Southern Oregon Regional Program, 101 North Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501, (503) 776-8556, Lew Keller, Coordinator.

Region IV: Cascade Regional Program, 905 Fourth Avenue, S.E., Albany, OR 97321, (503) 967-8822, Lila Kuykendall, Coordinator.

Region V: Mid-Oregon Regional Program, 3400 Portland Road, N.E., Salem, OR 97303, (503) 588-6677, Maureen Casey, Coordinator.

Region VI: Columbia Regional Program, 531 S.E. 14th Street, Portland, OR 97214, (503) 280-5840, Nancy Horner, Coordinator.

Preschool services provided through regional programs. For information, contact: Maureen Otos, Assistant Superintendent, Special Schools/Regional Programs, Oregon Department of Education, 700 Pringle Parkway,

S.E., Salem, OR 97310 (503) 378-3826.

Oregon School for the Blind

700 Church Street, S.E.

Salem, OR 97301

(503) 378-3820

FAX: (503) 373-7537

Neil Kliewer, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Programs for persons who are visually impaired or multiply disabled.

Funded by: Private donations and state funds.

Staff: 49 full time; 25 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1873.

Number of Clients Served: 50.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, ages 0-5.

Area Served: Oregon.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5.

Health: Low vision exams; auditory training, immunizations, and blood tests available on consultant or referral basis; adaptive equipment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Genetic counseling; parent and other counseling; financial assistance.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Noncategorical classrooms for visually impaired/multiply disabled children.

Preschools: None on campus. Provides funds for preschool attendance in local district.

Reading: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Services provided through 6 regional program offices of the Oregon Department of Education and through the School for the Blind.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Oregon School for the Blind

700 Church Street, S.E.

Salem, OR 97301

(503) 373-7537

Neil Kliewer, Director

Funded by: State funds; private donations.

History/Date: Est. 1873.

Age Requirements: 0-21.

Assessment: Y.

Consultation to Public Schools: Y.

Direct Service: Y.

Parent Assistance: Y.

Materials Production: On a limited basis.

Professional Training: Y.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Oregon Text and Media Center for the Visually Handicapped

531 S.E. 14th Street

Portland, OR 97214

(503) 280-5840, ext. 421

Larry Brown, Director

Area Served: Statewide.

Groups Served: Birth-K; K-12; postgraduate school-aged students.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books; computer software; access technology.

Title Listings: None specified.

Vision Resources for Independent Living

4001 N.E. Halsey Street

Portland, OR 97232

(503) 284-3339

Janine DeLaunay, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Portland State University

Department of Special Education

P.O. Box 751

Portland, OR 97207

FAX: (503) 725-5599

Dr. Sheldon Maron, (503) 725-4632

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of visually impaired and deaf-blind students.

Distance Education: Y.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Oregon State Library

Talking Book and Braille Services

State Library Building

Salem, OR 97310-0645

(503) 378-3849 or toll-free in

Oregon (800) 452-0292

FAX: (503) 588-7119

Nancy Stewart, Librarian

Mary Mohr, Machine Lending Information

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1933.

Area Served: Oregon.

Age Requirements: 4 years and older.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, tape, and large-print children's books. Reading room

with high technology center for use by patrons. Includes microcomputers equipped with voice synthesizers, large-type screen output, large-print laser printer, and braille printers.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Oregon State Library

Talking Book and Braille Services

State Library Building

Salem, OR 97310-0645

(503) 378-3849

FAX: (503) 588-7119

Nancy Stewart, Librarian

Area Served: Oregon.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, and adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, religious. Oregon author collection.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Golden Hours, Inc.

7140 S.W. Macadam Drive

Portland, OR 97219-3013

(503) 293-1902

Mike Foley, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Area Served: State of Oregon and southwestern Washington.

KBPS Seeing Sound

515 N.E. 15th Street

Portland, OR 97232

(503) 280-5828

Dr. Patricia Swenson, General Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Portland metropolitan area.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Oregon Affiliate

111 S.W. Harrison Street, #7-A
Portland, OR 97201
(503) 224-5478
Larry Harper, Manager

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Association of Visual Science Librarians

Blindskills

DB-LINK: The National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind

Traces Project (Teaching Research Assistance to Children Experiencing Sensory Impairments)
Teaching Research Division

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Oregon Commission for the Blind

535 S.E. 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214
(503) 731-3221
FAX: (503) 731-3230

Charles E. Young, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for legally blind; totally blind. Independent living services for persons over 55 years of age with visual impairment.

Funded by: Federal and state appropriations; federal grants; donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: All facilities and programs are accessible to persons with disabilities, according to ADA specifications.

Staff: 47 full time, 5 part time.

Number of Clients Served: 1,500 per year.

Eligibility: Meets definition of legal blindness.

Age Requirements: Over 17 years.

Health: Refers for medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Vocational and personal counseling and guidance. Referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: College prep; remedial education. Accepts legally blind persons and multiply disabled persons.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Refers for reading services.

Residential: Dormitory for adults.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; residential summer camp. Refers for other recreational/leisure services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training.

Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; computer operating systems. One full-time instructor. Contact: Pat Macdonnell, Director of Orientation & Career Center for the Blind, (503) 731-3221.

Low Vision: Low vision assessments, sale or loan of low vision aids; instruction in techniques of daily living and vision therapy.

Low Vision Aids: Sells, lends, or rents low vision aids, including magnifiers, signature guides, cane tips, phone dials, braille paper, labelling tape, slate and stylus, Hi-marks.

Low Vision Follow-up: Recommends low vision devices/aids to clients and either loans aids to clients or orders devices for them. Follow-up assessment with decrease in vision.

Local Offices:

Coquille: Oregon State Commission for the Blind, South Coast, P.O. Box 860, Coquille, OR 97423, (503) 396-2865.

Eugene: 541 Willamette, Room 408, Eugene, OR 97401, (503) 686-7990.

Medford: 228 North Holly, Medford, OR 97501, (503) 776-6047.

Newport: Oregon State Commission for the Blind, P.O. Box 2053, Newport, OR 97365, (503) 563-5231.

Salem: 670 Church Street, S.E., Salem, OR 97301, (503) 378-8479.

REHABILITATION

Blind Enterprises of Oregon

6500 N.E. Halsey Street

Portland, OR 97213
(503) 288-1797
FAX: (503) 282-1825
Kris Ruecker, Executive Director

Employment: Offers workshop employment for blind and visually impaired persons in packaging products.

Vision Northwest

4370 N.E. Halsey Street
Portland, OR 97213
(503) 284-7560
Connie Kramer, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Help reintegrate newly visually impaired persons into community.

Funded by: Foundation grants, private donations, charities.

Staff: 4. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Eligibility: Newly blind, severe visual impairment.

Area Served: Oregon; Washington.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling for adjustment to severe vision loss. Psychological services available.

Rehabilitation: Peer support groups; information and referral services.

Vision Resources for Independent Living

4001 N.E. Halsey Street
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 284-3339
Janine DeLaunay, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Independent living services.

Funded by: Federal grants, donations.

Budget: 1992: \$270,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 9.

History/Date: Est. 1957 and Inc. 1980.

Number of Clients Served: 500 per year.

Eligibility: Adult; severe vision loss, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual/group/family counseling; community services. Refers for social/psychological testing and evaluation.

Educational: Refers for school/training placement.

Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills both on/off premises.

Recreational: Continuing education; arts/crafts; special programs for the elderly.

Low Vision: Referrals to eye care professionals.

Low Vision Aids: Magnification devices on loan and for sale.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Oregon Commission for the Blind

535 S.E. 12th Street
Portland, OR 97214
(503) 238-8375
FAX: (503) 731-3230
Mark Nelson, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Oregon School for the Blind

700 Church Street, S.E.

Salem, OR 97301
(503) 378-8025
Margie Jordan, Media Specialist

Computer Training: Screen magnification systems; braille access systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology

434 Villa Road
Newburg, OR 97132
(503) 538-1431
David Larson, M.D., President

Oregon Optometric Association

6901 South East Lake Road
Suite 26
Milwaukie, OR 97267
(503) 654-5036
Gina E. Cole, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Devers Eye Institute Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center

1040 N.W. 22nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97210
(503) 229-8499 or (800) 433-3122
FAX: (503) 790-1201
Vasiliki D. Stoumbos, M.D.
Shari Katz, Vision Rehabilitation Specialist

Funded by: Patient fees and donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., by appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; vision rehabilitation specialist; orientation and mobility specialist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial use and to purchase;

on-site instruction provided; home visits as needed.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

Oregon Health Sciences University

**Department of Ophthalmology
Low Vision Aid Clinic**

3375 S.W. Terwilliger Boulevard
Portland, OR 97201-4197
(503) 494-7672

Thomas Talbott, M.D.

Nancy Harlburt, Coordinator

Funded by: Client fees; state funds.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optician; social worker; genetic counselor; audiologist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.

Eligibility: Referral by Oregon Commission for the Blind or by ophthalmologist with ophthalmology report.

Area Served: Oregon and southern Washington.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

**Pacific University
College of Optometry**

2043 College Way
Forest Grove, OR 97116
(503) 357-6151, ext. 340

John A. Smith, O.D., Coordinator,
Low Vision Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Tues.-Fri.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optician.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Complete diagnostic evaluations and dispensation of low vision devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Portland Family Vision Center

511 S.W. Tenth Street
Portland Medical Center Building,
Fifth Floor
Portland, OR 97205
(503) 224-2323 or TDD (503) 241-0222

FAX: (503) 241-0222

Linda Fields, Director, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Low vision services: Tues., Wed., Thurs.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM. All other services: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; orientation/mobility specialist; social worker; consulting ophthalmologist; optician; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Senior and Disabled Services Division

313 Public Service Building
Salem, OR 97310
(503) 378-4728 or (800) 232-3020
Richard Ladd, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

PENN- SYLVANIA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Bureau of Special Education

333 Market Street

Seventh Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

(717) 783-6913

Dr. James Tucker, Director of
Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers state funds for education of visually handicapped children including deaf-blind enrolled in public schools and in approved private schools for the blind. Provides funds to local school districts for reader service, aids and appliances, materials, and other services for children attending local schools. Subsidizes statewide materials center for visually handicapped children. Provides consultation for local schools and agencies on education services. Administers small-grant program to assist blind college students.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Pennsylvania.

For information about local programs, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Community Program Development

Office of Mental Retardation

Pennsylvania Department of

Public Welfare

P.O. Box 2675

Harrisburg, PA 17105-8302

(717) 783-8302 or (717) 783-5661

FAX: (717) 787-6583

Jackie Schetrompf, Director

Norma Shoppel, Chief, Children's
Services Unit

SCHOOLS

Capital Area Intermediate Unit

55 Miller Street

P.O. Box 489

Summerdale, PA 17093-0489

(717) 732-8400 or TDD (717) 732-
8422

FAX: (717) 732-8414

Marc A. Bauer, Director of Special
Education

Clara D. Paul, Supervisor, Visually
Impaired Program

Type of Agency: Intermediate
education program.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and
94-142 monies.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-
4:15 PM.

Staff: Visually handicapped and
dually certified teachers; various
therapists available as consultants.
Advisory board, including parent
members, for overall preschool
program.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: 130.

Eligibility: Determined through
multidisciplinary team assessment,
as prescribed in the Pennsylvania
Department of Education
Regulations and Standards for the
Operation of Special Education
Programs.

Area Served: Cumberland,
Dauphin, Perry, northern York
counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Various social and health
services available on consultant or
referral basis.

Educational: Provides instruction
in all developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based, and
consultant services using itinerant
model for visually impaired
students, 0-21 years, with or
without other disabilities.

Overbrook School for the Blind

6333 Malvern Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597

(215) 877-0313

FAX: (215) 877-2466

Bernadette M. Kappen, Director

Type of Agency: Residential
school.

Mission: To enable each student to
acquire the fund of knowledge and
living skills that is required of the
well-integrated adult.

Funded by: State and school
district funds.

Hours of Operation: Office:
8:00 AM-4:30 PM. School:
8:15 AM-3:15 PM. Currently the
majority of students attend school
on a day basis.

Program Accessibility: Several
buildings are accessible.

Staff: More than 200.

History/Date: Est. 1832.

Number of Clients Served: 190
(school aged); 60 (birth-three
years).

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Eastern
Pennsylvania.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Early
intervention: birth to 3 years.
School age programs: 3 to 21 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment;
medical services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Family seminars; summer week for mothers of blind babies. Family weekends, transition services, career education, and counseling for students.

Educational: Secondary program; life program; extensive international program providing full range of educational and other activities.

Preschools: Preschool program; program for children, 0-3 years, in parents' homes.

Professional Training: On-going staff development. Extensive international professional training program for teachers of blind students from foreign countries.

Reading: Braille, large print, tapes, computer access.

Residential: 7-day and 5-day residential placement available.

Rehabilitation: Work Experience Program: prevocational training, on-campus job placement, supported employment, sheltered workshop, career education on campus and community opportunities.

Computer Training: 3 computer labs and all secondary classes have classroom computers.

Classes for visually impaired and/or multiply disabled students, aged 3-21 years.

Royer-Greaves School for Blind

118 South Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301-1444
(215) 644-1810

Robert J. Bell, Chief Operating Officer

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; those with defective speech and/or hearing; controlled epileptics.

Funded by: Fees; capital income; grants; subscriptions; donations.

Budget: 1991: \$865,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 20 full time, 9 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1921.

Number of Clients Served: 1991-92: 16.

Eligibility: Visual impairment and retardation; referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: 6 to 21 years; education program. Beyond age 21; licensed community home for individuals with mental retardation.

Health: Speech therapy; physical therapy. Contracts and refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling.

Educational: Non-graded.

Programs for play/nursery school; training and instruction of multiply disabled blind pupils.

Preschools: Programs for play/nursery school.

Professional Training: Periodic in-service training programs. Attendance at seminars and conferences. Release time for advanced studies.

Reading: Talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print-books; recorded magazines.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Daily living skills; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; orientation/mobility (pre-cane); remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; swimming.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation. Contracts with sheltered workshops.

Computer Training: Low vision adaptations available for computer skill training.

Low Vision: Black light room; large-print.

St. Lucy Day School

130 Hampden Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
(215) 352-4582

Sister Judith Ann Moeller, Principal

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit day school.

Funded by: Catholic Charities.

Staff: 10 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers for supervision and as teachers' aides.

History/Date: Est. 1955.

Number of Clients Served: 30.

Eligibility: Visual acuity of 20/70 or less with best correction, 20 degrees field restriction; must be ambulatory and without mental handicaps.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-14 years.

Educational: K through eighth grade.

Preschools: Early intervention: birth-6 years. Preschool: 2¹/₂-5 years.

Professional Training: In-service training programs, summer and short term.

Reading: Talking books/cassettes; braille/large-print books; magazines; book selection services; information/referral; transcription; Optacon; closed circuit television; VersaBraille.

Rehabilitation: Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

Recreational: Arts and crafts, summer day camps available.

Computer Training: On-site training provided.

Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children

201 North Bellefield Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 621-0100

Janet Simon, Ph.D., Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit and state supported.

Mission: Education of totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons, with or without additional and those with disabilities, mental retardation or emotional disturbed or orthopedic disabilities.

Funded by: State allocation, contributions, endowment income.

Budget: \$8 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 248 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1887.

Number of Clients Served: 195 full time.

Eligibility: Legally blind, resident of western Pennsylvania.

Area Served: Western Pennsylvania.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; low vision service; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; communication.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual counseling; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for some other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Preschool through 12th grade; functional, community-referenced curriculum for blind students with severe disabilities.

Preschools: Ages 3 to 6.

Professional Training: Student teaching in special education; internship/fieldwork placement in

orientation/mobility. Regular in-service training.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print books; recorded magazines; closed-circuit television; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; expressive arts; leisure time; bowling; dance; radio; swimming; track; special summer programs for young multiply disabled students and public school students.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Refers for job retention; job retraining; vocational placement.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**Allegheny Intermediate Unit Project Dart**

#4 Station Square
Floor #2

Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1178
(412) 394-5736

Mary McCormick, Case Manager

Type of Agency: Intermediate education program.

Funded by: P.L. 94-142 monies.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: Allegheny County and 42 school districts.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in most developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based, and consultant programs on itinerant model for children with visual and other disabilities, 0-3 years and 3-5 years.

Overbrook School for the Blind

6333 Malvern Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597
(215) 877-0313

Cassandra Giardina, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Residential school.

Mission: To help the families and caregivers of very young children who have impaired vision and who may have impaired hearing as well to learn special techniques to help stimulate maximum learning.

Funded by: State and school district funds.

Number of Clients Served: 60.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Age Requirements: Birth to 3 years.

Preschools: Preschool program and home-based program for children 0-3 years.

Home-based early intervention program for children, birth to 3, and their families. Center-based summer seminar program with follow-up consultation for parents of visually impaired infants, 0-2 years, with or without other disabilities.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS**Kutztown University****Department of Special Education**

Kutztown, PA 19530
(215) 683-4651 or (215) 683-4290
Dr. David B. Ross

Programs Offered: Undergraduate program for teachers of visually impaired students.

**Pennsylvania College of
Optometry**

Institute for the Visually Impaired

Department of Graduate Studies in
Vision Impairment

1200 West Godfrey Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19141

(215) 276-6290 or (215) 276-6295

FAX: (215) 276-6292

Audrey J. Smith, Director, Institute
for the Visually Impaired

M. Veronica Gilligan, Director,
Orientation & Mobility Therapy

Maureen Duffy, Director,
Rehabilitation Teaching

Anna Bradfield, Director, Vision
Rehabilitation

Programs Offered: Master's
programs in orientation and
mobility, rehabilitation teaching,
vision rehabilitation, and education
of the visually impaired. Certificate
programs in vision rehabilitation,
orientation and mobility, and
education of the visually impaired.
Continuing education programs are
also offered.

Distance Education: Y.

**University of Pittsburgh
School of Education/Department
of Special Education**

4H01 Forbes Quadrangle

Pittsburgh, PA 15260

(412) 624-7254

FAX: (412) 648-5911

Dr. George Zimmerman,

(412) 624-7247

Programs Offered: Graduate
(master's, doctoral) programs for
teachers of visually impaired
students, orientation and mobility
specialists, and dual competency
teachers of visually impaired
students/orientation and mobility
specialists. Additional coursework
available in the area of severe
disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

**Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Library for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped**

The Leonard C. Staisey Building
4724 Baum Boulevard

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

(412) 687-2440 or toll-free in

Pennsylvania (800) 242-0586

FAX: (412) 687-2442

Sue Murdock, Librarian

Henry Picciafoco, Machine Lending
Information

Type of Agency: Network library
of the National Library Service for
the Blind and Physically
Handicapped.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.

9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1907.

Area Served: Western
Pennsylvania.

Lends books and magazines
recorded on disks and cassettes,
large-print books, and special
cassette and record players for use
with recorded material. Provides
reference and information services.

**Free Library of Philadelphia
Library for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped**

919 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 925-3213 or toll-free in

Pennsylvania (800) 222-1754

FAX: (215) 928-0856

Vickie Lange Collins, Librarian

Richard A. Riddell, Machine

Lending Information

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1899.

Area Served: Eastern
Pennsylvania.

Regional library supplying talking,
braille and large type books, tapes
and cassettes. Computer access.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

**Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Vision Program**

Pathfinder School

Donati Road

Bethel Park, PA 15102

(412) 963-0452

Dr. Gillian Meieran, Vision
Program Administrator

Area Served: 42 school districts in
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks;
recreational; career/vocational.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

**Association of Pleasant Hills
Community Church**

102 East Bruceton Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

(412) 655-4379

Mrs. A. J. Brown, Chairperson,
Vision Aid Project

Groups Served: K-12; college
students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; any
requests.

Media Formats: Braille books,
talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings
available.

Bower Hill Braille Foundation

70 Moffett Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

(412) 561-7624

Ruth Paterson, President

Groups Served: K-12, college
students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit

55 Miller Street
P.O. Box 489
Summerdale, PA 17093-0489
(717) 732-8400
Vi Shearer, Materials Specialist

Area Served: None specified.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Print and braille for a charge.

Lehigh Valley Braille Guild

614 North 13th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(215) 264-2141
Elsie Andrews
Joan G. Yehl, Chairperson

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Braille books; cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Northland Public Library

300 Cumberland Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(412) 366-8100
FAX: (412) 366-2064
Laura Shelley, Director
Pat McCarthy, Director, Volunteer Services

Area Served: Ross, McCandless, Franklin Park, Bradford Woods and

Marshall townships; Allegheny County.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

300 South Craig Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 682-5600
FAX: (412) 682-8104
Dennis J. Huber, Executive Director

Area Served: Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Recording for the Blind

3550 Market Street, Suite 201
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 382-1100

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Rodef Shalom Temple Sisterhood

2452 Mount Royal Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
(412) 521-6850
Jane Straussburger, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Technical Assistance for Sensory Impaired Programs

150 South Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109
(717) 657-5840
FAX: (717) 657-5983
Donald Sundell, Director

Area Served: Pennsylvania.

Groups Served: Blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons, birth-21 years.

Media Formats: Braille and large-print books.

Title Listings: Title listings available via APH-CARL.

Coordinates/provides consultation and technical assistance to LEAs, associated service providers and parents.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood

5505 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
(412) 421-9715
Mrs. Bernard B. Winer,
Chairperson

Area Served: Pittsburgh.

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

RADIO READING

CARES

311 Waring Avenue
State College, PA 16801
(814) 238-3819
Milford Heddleson, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1990.

Area Served: Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg Area Radio Reading Service

1800 North Second Street

Harrisburg, PA 17102
(717) 238-2531
Melissa F. Stachacz, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Area Served: Dauphin,
Cumberland and Perry counties.

Lancaster County Association for the Blind

244 North Queen Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-7644

Jay Doudna, Program Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-
1:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-6:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Lancaster County in
south central Pennsylvania.

North Central Sight Services

901 Memorial Avenue
P.O. Box 3292
Williamsport, PA 17701
(717) 323-9401

Robert B. Garrett, President and
CEO

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1959.

Area Served: Clinton, Sullivan
and Wyoming counties.

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind and Handicapped

228 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(717) 348-1812

Paul Trama, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-6:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Scranton/Wilkes-
Barre area, including 17 counties in
northeastern Pennsylvania.

Radio Information Center for the Blind

Associated Services for the Blind
919 Walnut Street
P.O. Box 1559
Philadelphia, PA 19105
(215) 627-0600

Frederick W. Noesner, Director

Hours of Operation: 14-19 hours
daily.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Area Served: Greater Philadelphia
area, including portions of New
Jersey and Delaware.

Radio Information Service

P.O. Box 3663
Pittsburgh, PA 15230
(412) 434-6023
William S. Pasco, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
6:00 AM-1:00 AM.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Pittsburgh greater
metropolitan area (12 counties of
southwestern Pennsylvania).

Radio Talking Library/Erie Center

2402 Cherry Street
Erie, PA 16502
(814) 455-0995
Norma King, Radio Director

Hours of Operation: Sun.-Fri.
8:30 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: 50-mile radius from
Erie, some portions of
southwestern New York and
northeastern Ohio.

WRKC-Radio Home Visitor

Kings College
1602-D
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
(717) 826-5811

Thomas Carten, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun.
10:00 AM-12:00 noon.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Area Served: 25-mile radius from
Wilkes-Barre.

WRRS/RADPRIN of Lehigh Valley

3835 Green Pond Road
College Center 335
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(215) 861-5583

Charles Morgenstern, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Northampton and
Lehigh counties.

York City Blind Center Radio Reading Service

800 East King Street
York, PA 17403

(717) 848-1690

Rodger Simmons, Radio Program
Director

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM -
2:00 AM, 7 days a week.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: York County.

Local programming is augmented
by programs taken from In Touch
Networks.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Philadelphia Affiliate

65 Glenview Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342
(215) 558-9799

Maria Moen, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Associated Services for the Blind

**Association of Radio Reading
Services**

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH)

**Overbrook International
Overbrook School for the Blind
Volunteer Services for the Blind**

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

1401 North Seventh Street
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675
(717) 787-6176 or toll-free in Pennsylvania (800) 622-2842
Norman E. Witman, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Federal funds.

Budget: 1991-92: \$15,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 149 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1925.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired; resident of Pennsylvania.

Area Served: Pennsylvania.

Health: Diagnostic, public education program; prevention of blindness.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social casework; counseling; consultation and referral; group work.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training program, open to enrollment by other organizations.

Reading: Readers.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home mechanics; personal management; home

economics; communications; and independent living.

Employment: Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending facility training; supported employment.

Local Offices:

Altoona: Executive House I, 615 Howard Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, (814) 946-7330.

Erie: Tenth and State Street, 1002 G. Daniel Baldwin Building, Erie, PA 16501, (814) 871-4401.

Harrisburg: 2923 North Seventh Street, Suite B, Harrisburg, PA 17110, (717) 787-7500.

Philadelphia: State Office Building, Rm 206, 1400 Springgarden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, (215) 560-5700.

Pittsburgh: G-10 Kossman Building, Forbes and Stanwix Streets, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 565-5240.

Wilkes-Barre: 111 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Third Floor, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, (717) 826-2361.

Community orientation and mobility provided directly through contract.

REHABILITATION

Associated Services for the Blind

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600
FAX: (215) 922-0692
Vincent McVeigh, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provide resource and training center for blind persons and those losing useful vision.

Funded by: Foundations and trusts; corporations; and the public, including Lions and Lioness Clubs,

and special friends. Contracts with federal and state agencies, for-profit and non-profit corporations.

Budget: \$3,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Totally accessible.

Staff: Approximately 100. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1984 from the merger of Volunteer Services for the Blind, Nevil Institute for Rehabilitation and Service, and Radio Information Center for the Blind.

Eligibility: Varies.

Area Served: Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Blindness prevention through informational programs at senior centers; speakers for corporate, community, and professional organizations; and distribution of information on eye care and blindness prevention at employer and community health fairs.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support groups; educational and vocational evaluation; escort service to medical appointments and shopping; volunteer visitors for housebound persons; telephone peer counselors.

Educational: Youth transitional program.

Reading: Volunteer reader service; fills requests for specific braille and large-print books. Radio Information Center broadcasts for 4,000 listeners.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation Center, a prevocational center-based program, evaluates client skills and provides blindness adjustment training, orientation and mobility training, and communication instruction.

Recreational: Supports social and recreational activities.

Employment: Resume preparation assistance; skills assessment and counseling; job search assistance; job coaching; job-seeking skills seminars. Employer awareness training.

Computer Training: Electronic Aids Program for training with electronic enhancement devices.

Low Vision: Monthly clinics for eligible clients.

Low Vision Aids: Sense Satons, a retail and catalogue store, sells white canes, braille writing materials, talking clocks, calculators, and other aids.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Lehigh County

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

614 North 13th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(215) 433-6018
Jeffrey A. Brightbill, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To help blind or visually impaired people and their families with problems that are caused by or associated with visual impairment; to develop and maintain educational programs; to conduct screenings for the early detection of vision problems.

Funded by: United Way, government grants, endowment, individual and corporate giving.

Budget: \$412,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: 9 full time; 5 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1928.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 700.

Eligibility: Visual eligibility for rehabilitation and social services: 20/70 or less in better eye with correction. Prevention and education: all eligible.

Area Served: Lehigh County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years for rehabilitation and social services; prevention and education: all ages.

Health: Vision screening and public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Information and referral; casework; peer support groups.

Educational: Life skills training.

Reading: Braille transcribing; readers; tape recording.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching and mobility instruction; supportive services.

Recreational: Therapeutic recreation; social activities.

Low Vision: Magnifier evaluations.

Low Vision Aids: Lends low vision devices.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Beacon Lodge-Camp for the Blind

P.O. Box 428
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 242-1113
Janet E. Snyder, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, and physically disabled persons.

Funded by: Lions Club and fees.

Budget: \$560,000.

Hours of Operation: 11-day sessions at residential camp.

Staff: 6 full time; 100 summer paid staff.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 569.

Eligibility: Blind; visually impaired.

Area Served: Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

Age Requirements: 6 years and older.

Health: Nurse on duty 24 hours.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Self-help.

Reading: Talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines.

Residential: Dormitories for adults; cabins for children.

Recreational: Residential summer camp; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; wrestling; hiking; basketball; shuffleboard; bus trips; archery; riflery; canoeing; kayaking.

Beaver County

Association for the Blind

616 Fourth Street
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
(412) 843-1111 or (412) 728-5555
Jean G. Keller, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provide services relating to the general welfare of blind/visually impaired clients and the prevention of blindness.

Funded by: United Way, state contract, workshop, sales, contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time, 300 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Number of Clients Served: 1991/1992: 537.

Eligibility: Blind/visually impaired.

Area Served: Beaver County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Remedial eye care; screenings; eye safety programs in schools.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Transport/escort; chore services; social recreation; educational activities.

Reading: Braille; large type; talking book machines; radio receivers; readers.

Rehabilitation: Life skills; education; personal management; housing assistance.

Recreational: Social activities; crafts; field trips.

Employment: Sales; caning.

Bedford Branch

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

209 West Pitt Street
Bedford, PA 15522
(814) 623-8214

Joanne Smith, Administrative Secretary

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-12:00 noon and 1:00 PM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 2 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 500.

Eligibility: Visually handicapped.

Area Served: Bedford, Fulton, and Somerset counties.

Berks County Association for the Blind

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

2020 Hampden Boulevard

Reading, PA 19604

(215) 375-8407

FAX: (215) 375-6467

David R. Neideigh, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, endowment, and contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$675,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time, 8 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1929.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 676.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Berks County.

Health: Diagnostic; public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral; psychological testing.

Educational: Educational films available for loan; speakers available on request.

Preschools: Vision screening.

Reading: Braille and large-type books; recorders and talking book machines; readers.

Rehabilitation: Home mechanics; personal management; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Crafts; cooking classes; field trips.

Employment: Prevocational training; workshop.

Blair County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

300 Fifth Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602-2202
(814) 944-2021

Zoe Bellamy, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To act as a member agency of the Pennsylvania

Association for the Blind for the support, care, training, and rehabilitation of blind persons, prevention of blindness, and conservation of sight.

Funded by: Fees for service, workshop sales, sub-contracts, contributions and grants.

Budget: \$220,964.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 6 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 125.

Eligibility: Legally blind (acuity not more than 20/200 in best corrected eye); income guidelines, under sub-contract.

Area Served: Blair County. For prevention of blindness, also Clearfield County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Adult age.

Health: Public education, preschool vision screenings, adult visual acuity and intraocular pressure screenings, industrial screenings, in-service training for care givers.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral; sight loss support group; social services (transportation, chores, educational programs).

Educational: Eye health and safety programs—all ages; programs to aid independent living.

Preschools: Eye health and safety programs; vision screening.

Professional Training: In-service training of employees in caregiver facilities, i.e. nursing home.

Reading: Braille and large-type books; recorders; talking books and machines; readers; aids and appliances.

Recreational: Social activities.

Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia

125 South Ninth Street
Suite 301
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-2333
Jeanette F. Slaw, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind.

Funded by: Private contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time and 1 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1909.

Number of Clients Served: 485.

Eligibility: Philadelphia resident; legally blind.

Age Requirements: 18 years and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Individual counseling; information and referral service; limited financial aid available.

Recreational: Refers for residential summer camp; annual summer outing.

Bucks County Association for the Blind**Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

4 Freedom Drive
P.O. Box 290
Newtown, PA 18940-0290
(215) 968-4731
FAX: (215) 968-2127
Elaine R. Welch, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

Funded by: Community fund raising; government grants; contributions.

Budget: \$372,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 11 full time, 4 part time.
Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Eligibility: Resident of Bucks County; visually impaired.

Area Served: Bucks County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.

Reading: Talking book records and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines; information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Summer day camp for blind children; adult recreation programs.

Butler County Association for the Blind**Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

308 West Cunningham Street
P.O. Box 468
Butler, PA 16003-0468
(412) 287-4059
Maddie Riddell, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Public funds, contributions, workshop sales, sub-contracts, and endowments.

History/Date: Est. 1932.

Area Served: Butler County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Vision screening; examination; eyeglasses; eye bank; industrial eye safety program.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral.

Reading: Braille and large type books; recorders and talking book machines; readers.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

**Cambria County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

211 Central Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902
(814) 536-3531
FAX: (814) 539-3270
Richard C. Bosserman, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, and physically disabled persons.

Funded by: Fees; workshop sales.

Budget: \$4.5 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 41 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1927.

Number of Clients Served:
1991-92: 720.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; visual acuity of 20/70 or less. For vocational or educational services, mental or physical disabling conditions determine eligibility.

Area Served: Cambria County.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 and older.

Health: Prescribes and provides spectacles or aids; evaluates eye

treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community service. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Programs for vocational/skill development; prevocational skill development; social/personal development.

Reading: Lends talking book records and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; large-print books; recorded magazines. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; sheltered workshops. Vocational placement; follow-up service; personal work adjustment training.

Low Vision Aids: Provides low vision aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provides low vision follow-up.

**Center for Information Resources
Hospital of the University of
Pennsylvania**

4025 Chestnut Street
Third Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19104-3054
(215) 898-8108

James Vagnoni, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; varying disabilities.

Funded by: Tuitions, grants, donations.

Staff: 22 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Eligibility: High school diploma or high school equivalency degree.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Individual, group counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Accepts other multiply handicapped if recognized as employable. Programs for vocational/skill development; training in data processing.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work and social research.

Affiliated with University of Pennsylvania. Fieldwork in computer systems development, software development and computer engineering.

Reading: Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book tapes; braille books; large print books. Information and referral; tape recording services on request; closed circuit television; large print computer terminals; talking terminals.

Residential: Dormitories for adults.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services; affiliated with rehabilitation center.

Recreational: Refers for adult continuing education services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retraining;

vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services. Offers supported and transitional employment programs. Hires disabled persons for data processing jobs through affiliated corporation.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices. Consultation on systems configuration and installation.

**Chapin Memorial Home for Aged
Blind**

1700 Two Mellon Bank Center
Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 563-5900

William T. Gibson, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Refers and sponsors admission of elderly, needy blind to Saunders House, Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind, Broomall Presbyterian Home.

Funded by: Endowment.

Eligibility: Blind; aged 65 and over.

Income supports programs for the elderly blind at Saunders House, Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind, Broomall Presbyterian Home.

**Chester County Association for
the Blind
Pennsylvania Association for the
Blind**

71 South First Street

P.O. Box 1440

Coatesville, PA 19320

(215) 384-2767

Anita Cavuto, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

Funded by: Donations and small workshop.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 5 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Number of Clients Served: 550.

Eligibility: Blindness or visual impairment.

Area Served: Chester County.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes.

Information and referral; transcription to braille. Tape recording services on demand.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home. Referral to other agencies.

Employment: Handicapped employment.

Low Vision: Low vision service; prescription of spectacles or aids.

Delco Blind/Sight Center

100-106 West 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013

(215) 874-6454

FAX: (215) 874-6454

Robert M. Nelson, Managing Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enrich the quality of life for persons with visual impairments or blindness and to reduce the incidence of vision loss through prevention-of-blindness activities.

Funded by: Contracts, manufacturing sales, donations, bequests.

Budget: 1990-1991: \$2,196,090.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 47 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1943.

Number of Clients Served: 1990-1991: 8,000, including 815 blind clients.

Eligibility: Determined by program area and service offered.

Area Served: Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Determined by program area and service offered.

Health: Provides spectacles or aids; preschool vision and glaucoma screening. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; casework management; independent living groups; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, and couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

Educational: Vocational and blindness skills evaluation and training, psychological services, transitional services vision and audiological screenings, referral services.

Reading: Lends talking book machines, cassette players and makes referrals to the Radio Information Center for the Blind for the client to receive radio services.

Residential: On-site supervised dormitory for residential students in training. Close association with Stinson Towers, an apartment building, specially equipped and designed for independent living for blind, physically disabled, and elderly persons.

Rehabilitation: Personal adjustment to blindness training; communication skills; home

management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; vocational evaluation; psychological testing, individual counseling services; and work adjustment training. Refers, provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; newly blinded group; domestic arts; field trips; aerobics classes; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; manufacturing employment; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for vending facility training.

Computer Training: Training for computer novices in the use of computers, accompanying adaptive equipment, and popular software packages used in today's computer workspace; guidance in job placement or further training.

Low Vision: Eye care professionals, specially trained in the field of low vision, will perform a complete clinical assessment of the medical diagnosis and visual impairment. Optical/non-optical devices or technique, may be prescribed if it is determined that they will be beneficial.

Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind

3827 Powelton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104

(215) 382-6412

FAX: (215) 382-1231

Thomas W. Cassada, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit residence for blind men and women.

Mission: To provide a full-service residence and sheltered

employment for adult blind persons.

Funded by: United Way, trusts, grants, contributions, and fees of residents.

Budget: 1992: \$860,000.

Hours of Operation: 24.

Staff: 32. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1868.

Number of Clients Served:

Licensed for 50 residents.

Eligibility: 20/200 visual acuity or less; must pass physical examinations.

Area Served: Northeastern United States.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Health: General medical services. Refers for eye treatment/evaluation, physical therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Refers for social evaluation, individual/group counseling, community services.

Professional Training: In-service training programs.

Reading: In-house distribution of talking book records/tapes; braille books/magazines; recorded magazines; large print books.

Residential: Boarding home for blind adults.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services as needed.

Recreational: In-house entertainment programs and local area day trips.

Employment: Provides sheltered workshop.

**Erie Center for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

2402 Cherry Street

Erie, PA 16502

(814) 455-0995

FAX: (814) 455-0997

Tyco V. Swick, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: United Way, workshop sales, endowment, fees, and contributions.

Budget: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 6 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1938.

Eligibility: Any persons with functional vision loss is eligible.

Area Served: Erie County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnostic and medical treatment; public education programs.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Casework and referral services.

Reading: Radio talking library; talking book machines.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility; home management.

Recreational: Social group for elderly blind persons.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision aid evaluations and prescriptions. Aids and appliances.

**Fayette County Association for the Blind
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

48 Bierer Lane

Uniontown, PA 15401

(412) 437-2791

Nancy C. Shockey, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Service clubs; contributions.

Budget: 1991: \$110,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 4 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 608.

Eligibility: Resident of Fayette County.

Area Served: Fayette County.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Refers.

Educational: Eye safety; aids and appliances demonstrations to clients and public.

Preschools: Preschool visual screenings and follow-up.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book record players. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Adult social parties. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic and consultation.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribes and provides spectacles and low vision aids.

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind

311 Station Street

Bridgeville, PA 15017

(412) 221-2200

FAX: (412) 257-8574

Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., President
Jack C. Lydic, Director of
Rehabilitation

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Personal adjustment training for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and visually impaired multiply disabled adolescents and adults. In-home training to elderly blind persons as needed.

Funded by: Fees, contributions, grants.

Budget: 1991: \$1.4 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 33 full time, 19 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1959.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 1,100.

Eligibility: Severe visual impairment that causes a functional disability; ophthalmological or optometric report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: Primarily adolescents and adults with additional disabilities. Specialized service for elderly persons.

Health: Audiological and low vision screening; psychiatric consultation; general medical screening; health education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychosocial evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling.

Educational: General academics; college prep; GED prep; literacy training; summer programming for school-age children.

Professional Training: Internship/field work placement in

orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; low vision; adaptive technology training.

Reading: Talking book record and cassette players; braille and large-print books and magazines; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; closed-circuit television training.

Residential: Available during training and on weekends.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; listening skills; typing; electronic aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training; household mechanics.

Recreational: Bowling; swimming; calisthenics; theater; museums; many other activities.

Employment: Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling. Computer-related skill training.

Computer Training: Evaluations and training on a wide range of adapted hardware and software.

Low Vision: Low vision service. Available for personal adjustment clients and separately on an out-patient basis.

Low Vision Aids: Evaluations, training, and loans.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind

63 North Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
(717) 823-1161

FAX: (717) 823-4841

Ronald V. Petrilla, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Serve the needs and interests of blind and visually impaired persons and prevent blindness.

Funded by: Public funds, endowments and contributions.

Budget: \$170,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 4 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1918.

Number of Clients Served: 600.

Area Served: Serves Luzerne County, except Hazleton area.

Health: Public education; preschool vision screening; adult vision and glaucoma screening; remedial eye care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support group, consultation and referral.

Educational: Life skills education.

Professional Training: In-service training; speakers bureau.

Reading: Talking book machines; radio reading service; braille transcription.

Rehabilitation: Communications; support services for independent living; informational and socialization counseling; home visitation.

Recreational: Social and recreational activities.

Guiding Light for the Blind

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600

FAX: (215) 922-0692

James P. Swed, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To promote the use of and partially subsidize electronic travel guides.

Funded by: Trusts, foundations, corporations, friends.

Budget: \$117,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-3:30 PM.

Staff: One part time plus 2 volunteer workers.

History/Date: Inc. 1990.

Number of Clients Served: 50 to 100.

Eligibility: Need for travel aid to and from work and school.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Self help.

**Hazleton Blind Association
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

Eight West Broad Street
Northeastern Building
Suite 223

Hazleton, PA 18201

(717) 455-0421

FAX: (717) 459-2046

Mrs. Robin J. Stauffer-Olenick,
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide services to blind and visually impaired persons of Lower Luzerne County and provide prevention of blindness services to the community.

Funded by: Contributions and special fund-raising events.

Budget: \$90,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 2 full time; 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served: 200.

Eligibility: Varies according to service requested.

Area Served: Hazleton and Luzerne County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Free public education programs; free preschool vision screening. Provides aids, appliances at cost, and eyeglasses at low cost.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Personal management;

home management; communications.

Educational: Elementary school education program for blindness and eye safety.

Preschools: Vision screening program.

Professional Training: In-service programs on blindness.

Reading: Brailled material available.

Rehabilitation: Referrals to other agencies.

Recreational: Bowling; crafts; bus trips; parties; life skills classes.

Employment: Refers to other agencies.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
East Central Region Office**

1301 Lincoln Avenue

Prospect Park, PA 19076

(215) 237-1575 (voice and TDD)

Cynthia L. Ingraham, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Indiana County Blind Association

31 South Tenth Street

Indiana, PA 15701

(412) 465-5549

Hazel M. (Rusty) Lomman,
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped; hearing impaired; visually impaired in concert with any of the preceding.

Funded by: United Way; workshop sales; sub-contracts; grants; fund raisers; contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 4 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Eligibility: Medically diagnosed visual disability that constitutes a handicap to social and economic self-sufficiency, or a progressive condition expected to result in such a handicap.

Area Served: Indiana County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool vision screening. Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychosocial evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Referrals.

Educational: Vision screening; prevention education; refers to preschools.

Professional Training: Vocational rehabilitation.

Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; video magnifier; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation in client's home and community. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Limited.

Employment: Sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision aids or appliances.

Juniata Association for the Blind

658 Valley Street
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 242-1444
Charles O. Nale, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To help blind and visually impaired individuals and their families cope with sight loss and provide them with the necessary training and support to maintain their independence.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, United Way, and public funds.

Budget: \$800,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 8 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Number of Clients Served: Social Service Department: 150.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; meets requirements of needs assessment and financial guidelines.

Area Served: Mifflin, Juniata, and Huntingdon counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Prevention of blindness; medical and financial services (for Remedial Eye Care program only); remedial eye care; vision screening; eye safety; and health education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social and financial services available.

Rehabilitation: Life skills and chores.

Recreational: Sponsors a Christmas party, picnic, and trip.

Employment: Refers to Blindness and Visual Services Department for vocational training if not employed at agency workshop.

Low Vision: Refers to low vision specialist and to Blindness and Visual Services Department for financial help with exams and aids.

Lackawanna Branch**Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

228 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(717) 342-7613
FAX: (717) 348-1813
Alfred B. Davis, III, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Sub-contracts; capital income; Lions Club; gifts.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 10 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1913.

Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired.

Area Served: Lackawanna County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Prevention of Blindness Program; eye safety program; preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening clinics. Supplies prevention information via speakers' bureau; films; radio and television. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Life Skills Program.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work.

Reading: Talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Transcription

to braille; tape recording services on demand. Radio reading service.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Low vision service; spectacles and low vision aids.

Lancaster County Association for the Blind

244 North Queen Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 291-5951

FAX: (717) 291-9183

Stephen Patterson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To support and promote the interests of the blind and the prevention of blindness in the County of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Funded by: Contributions, sub-contracts, endowment, and bequests.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 19 full time/6 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 2,700.

Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired; unable to read newspaper print without correction; visual acuity of 20/70 or less; restricted fields.

Area Served: Lancaster County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnostic eye clinic with follow-up treatment; public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral. Group work.

Preschools: Birth to school age.

Professional Training: Cooperates with colleges and universities on internships.

Reading: Radio reading service; braille books; braille transcribing and Library of Congress services.

Rehabilitation: Teaches daily living skills, communications, orientation & mobility; sells aids and appliances.

Recreational: Variety of center-based and community activities.

Employment: Industrial workshop; prevocational training; home employment.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**Lawrence County Branch
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

319 North Jefferson Street
New Castle, PA 16101
(412) 652-4571

Larry R. Nord, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts and contributions.

Staff: 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Lawrence County.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; eyeglasses; eye bank; public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral.

Reading: Braille and large type books; talking book machines.

Recreational: Social activities.

Employment: Workshop; home employment; placement; follow-up.

**Lower Susquehanna Branch
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

241 Chestnut Street
Sunbury, PA 17801
(717) 286-1471

Donna Wilkinson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales, capital income, direct mail appeal.

Budget: 1992: \$80,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM.

Staff: 2 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Number of Clients Served: More than 800.

Health: Refers and contracts for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual counseling; referral to community services. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Reading: Lends talking book record and cassette players; braille and large-print books; recorded magazines. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Contracts and refers for recreation services.

Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Low Vision: Low vision service; provides free low vision aids.

**Mercer County Blind Association
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

1230 Stambaugh Avenue
Sharon, PA 16146
(412) 347-5501

FAX: (412) 347-2204

Jonathan Fister, President/C.E.O.

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Improving quality of life for blind persons and preventing blindness.

Funded by: United Way, workshop sales.

Budget: 1992: \$1,600,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM -4:30 PM.

Staff: 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Number of Clients Served: 550.

Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired.

Area Served: Mercer and Crawford counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Consultation and referrals to other agencies. Prevention of blindness services including preschool vision screening, glaucoma screenings, eye safety programs; community education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, family, group counseling; referrals to other community services; housing (includes form filing and moving); chore service.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; in-service training programs for other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book machines, cassette players, talking book records and cassettes, large-print books and magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand; radio reading service.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teacher on staff. Independent living skills; personal and home management. Training in personal and home maintenance, nutrition and adapted aids and appliances.

Recreational: Bowling; field and shopping trips; audible darts; social gatherings. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Employment for disabled persons; employment referrals; follow-up.

Low Vision: Low vision aids and services; prescription of spectacles and aids.

Local Offices:

Meadville: Mercer County Blind Association, Crawford County Office: 287 1/2 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335.

Montgomery County Association for the Blind

2006 Swede Road
Norristown, PA 19401-1743
(215) 272-7190
Douglas A. Yingling, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enhance the quality of life of blind and visually impaired persons in Montgomery County through education, support, and advocacy programs and to prevent blindness through education and screening programs.

Funded by: Community contributors; corporate/foundation grants; endowment.

Staff: 10 full time, 7 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Eligibility: Montgomery County resident; blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Montgomery County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool/adult vision screening.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Comprehensive social services; peer counseling; support groups.

Rehabilitation: Mobility instruction.

Recreational: Recreation/socialization activities; children's summer day camp.

Reading: Talking book machine distribution and instruction.

Northampton County Branch Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

129 East Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(215) 866-8049
Donna M. Suess, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Private contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 7 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1928.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 600.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Northampton County; Lehigh County residents with Bethlehem address.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Adjustment to blindness counseling for individuals and their families; chore service in the home; housing assistance; life skills education (individual and group basis); personal advocacy. Assists clients to properly utilize public services and facilities; refers to community organizations for in-

depth psychological counseling; rehabilitation service; drug/alcohol-related problems.

Reading: Talking book equipment and large-print, braille, and recorded literature. Provides transcription service; assists in handling mail and home paperwork.

Rehabilitation: Instruction in home and personal management; orientation/mobility; referral for in-depth vocational rehabilitation.

Recreational: Weekly socialization programs designed to build appropriate communication skills, physical fitness, and adaptive abilities for crafts and homemaking; bowling; crafts, aerobics; lectures; concerts; community tours.

Low Vision: Vision screening for preschool children; purchases eyeglasses and special lenses for low-income people; low vision clinic; prescription of aids and appliances; training in the use of near and distance vision aids and lenses.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

North Central Sight Services Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

901 Memorial Avenue
P.O. Box 3292
Williamsport, PA 17701
(717) 323-9401
Robert B. Garrett, President and CEO

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, government contracts, endowment and Lions Club.

Staff: 11 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Lycoming, Clinton, Sullivan counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool vision screenings; eye examinations; prevention of blindness services (including intraocular pressure screenings and public education).

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral; individual and group counseling.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; in-service training programs for volunteers and other agencies; radio reading service.

Reading: Talking book machines; large type; braille material; recording services.

Rehabilitation: Home management; communications; personal management; orientation/mobility.

Recreational: Field trips; social activities.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision: Purchase of eyeglasses; low vision aids.

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

2843 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1284
(717) 234-3261

FAX: (717) 234-4733

Valerie N. Weiner, Executive Vice President

Albert Clark, Director of Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide and secure comprehensive services for persons who are blind or visually impaired and to prevent blindness.

Funded by: State contracts, private contributions, grants, and trust income.

Budget: 1992/1993: \$1,719,185.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Mostly in-home/outreach service.

Staff: 7 full-time, 1 part time (administration/statewide operations); 3 (prevention of blindness), 8 (casework services).

History/Date: Est. 1910.

Number of Clients Served: 1,950 (Social Services), 20, 924 (prevention/screening), 21,424 (public education programs).

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Serves 27 counties in Pennsylvania through executive office, 4 satellites, and outstationed staff. Subcontracts with member agencies for social services in 42 additional counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Screening for visual acuity, intraocular pressure; eye health and safety programs for children/adults of all ages; diabetic eye care intervention.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Informational counseling,

educational support groups, with referral for in-depth psychological counseling and support.

Educational: "Life Skills Education" to foster independence, community integration, and acquisition of practical adaptive skills.

Professional Training: In-service training for organizational/institutional personnel; certification program for prevention of blindness personnel; semi-annual conferences for membership.

Reading: Talking Book equipment distribution; information and referral for large print and Braille; sighted assistance for household paperwork.

Rehabilitation: Basic guidance in personal and household management techniques; referral

for more intensive, individualized instruction.

Recreational: Limited group programs and activities for socialization and recreation.

Employment: Information and referral.

Low Vision: Information and referral.

Low Vision Aids: Information and referral.

Regional Offices:

Adams County Satellite:

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 23 Buford Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-8931.

Centre County Satellite:

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 142 West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823, (814) 355-0500.

Franklin County Satellite:

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 181 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201, (717) 263-5393.

Local Offices:

Lebanon: Lebanon County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 738 Cumberland Street, Lebanon, PA 17042, (717) 274-6711.

Has 29 member agencies in Pennsylvania.

Pittsburgh Blind Association Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

300 South Craig
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 682-5600

FAX: (412) 682-8104

Dennis J. Huber, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

Funded by: Fees, United Way, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital income, grants.

Budget: 1992-93: \$3,225,000.

Staff: 60 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1910.

Eligibility: Legally blind, visually impaired with acuity of 20/70 or less.

Area Served: Allegheny County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in social work. Orientation/mobility and rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services upon request.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for the elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for recreation services.

Employment: Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job

retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; work preparation training program; therapeutic activities center; supported work program; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented service.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**Tri-County Branch
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

1800 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102-2207
(717) 238-2531

FAX: (717) 238-0710

Melissa F. Stachacz, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired. Prevention of blindness services to the public at large.

Funded by: United Way, sub-contracts, workshop sales, government grants, fees, contributions, bequests.

Budget: \$1,510,940.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Program accessible.

Staff: 17 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1921.

Number of Clients Served: 1,949.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or legally blind.

Area Served: Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Client and family counseling; information and referral; life skills education; chore

service, case management services, support group.

Educational: Speakers bureau, public education, eye safety programs, participation at health fairs.

Preschools: Preschool vision and hearing screening, eye safety education and information.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork in social work.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand; radio reading service (special receivers placed with print impaired persons).

Residential: Referral only.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Full range of social/recreational activities.

Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment oriented-services.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision: Provides referrals for low vision evaluations.

Low Vision Aids: Provision of eyeglasses to low-income persons.

**Venango County Branch
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

406 West First Street
Oil City, PA 16301
(814) 676-1876

Annella M. Camp, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons and

works for the prevention of blindness.

Funded by: United Way, endowment, private contributions, Lions Clubs, and grants.

Budget: 1992: \$110,200.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible. Braille and large-print materials.

Staff: 2 full time, 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1927 and Inc. 1939.

Number of Clients Served: 184 blind clients; 4,961 through prevention programs.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Venango County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Comprehensive prevention of blindness program; vision screenings; follow-up; glasses.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral services.

Educational: Eye safety programs in all Venango County elementary schools.

Preschools: Vision screenings in daycare centers, nursery schools, and at the time of registration for kindergarten.

Professional Training: Refers for vocational rehabilitation.

Reading: As sub-lending agency for the Library of Congress, provides talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books and magazines. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; summer camp; yoga; swimming; shopping trips and excursions.

Low Vision: Refers for low vision service; sells aids.

Low Vision Aids: Provides magnifiers; refers for other low vision services.

Washington-Greene County Branch

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

566 East Maiden Street
Washington, PA 15301
(412) 228-0770

Jack W. Pilgun II, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Contributions.

Staff: 9 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Washington and Greene counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Preschool vision and remedial eye care and school safety program.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral; chore service.

Recreational: Group activities.

Employment: Sheltered workshop.

Westmoreland County Branch **Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

212 East Pittsburgh Street
P.O. Box 1048
Greensburg, PA 15601
(412) 837-1250
FAX: (412) 837-3135

Jim DiMichele, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Funded by: Contributions.

Staff: 10 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served: 200.

Eligibility: Blind or visually handicapped.

Area Served: Westmoreland county.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Vision screenings; remedial eye care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations;

individual, and couple counseling; referral to community services.

Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Tuition fund.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; video magnifiers; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; vocational evaluations. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby group; bowling; fishing; outdoor programs.

Employment: Sheltered workshops; follow-up services. Refers for other employment services.

Computer Training: Y.

York County Blind Center

1380 Spahn Avenue
York, PA 17403
(717) 848-1690
FAX: (717) 845-3889

William H. Rhinesmith, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, and learning disabled persons. Advocacy services.

Funded by: Lions Club; United Way; community donations; capital income; sales of products.

Budget: 1992: \$1,087,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 22 full time; 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1932.

Number of Clients Served: 682.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: York County.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Screening services; preschool vision and hearing screening. Public health education; remedial eye care.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family/parent counseling; placement in rehabilitation training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Reading: Radio reading services; special receivers placed with visually impaired persons. Sublending agency for the Talking Book program; provides equipment, materials from the Philadelphia Public Library.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; handwriting; braille; typing; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training; orientation and mobility training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Recreational therapist.

Employment: Occupational skills development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Low vision center providing evaluation and prescription of low vision aids by

low vision specialist; follow-up training offered.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Associated Services for the Blind

919 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 627-0600

FAX: (215) 922-0692

Patricia Cautilli, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Center for Information Resources

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

4212 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

(215) 898-4933

FAX: (215) 222-4111

Sally Smith, Admissions Coordinator

Jean Anderson, Manager of Adaptive Technology Services

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind

311 Station Street

Bridgeville, PA 15017

(412) 221-2200

FAX: (412) 257-8574

Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., President
David Tanner, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Evaluations, system recommendations, and training provided at center on the job.

Overbrook School for the Blind

6333 Malvern Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597

(215) 877-0313

Barbara Paton

Wiraman Niyomphol, (215) 878-8700

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology

4401 Penn Avenue
Suite 1560

Pittsburgh, PA 15224

(412) 687-1414

Dorothy C. Scott, M.D., President

Pennsylvania Optometric Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 3312
Harrisburg, PA 17105
(717) 233-6455
Terry O'H. Stark, C.A.E.

LOW VISION CENTERS

Center for Vision Rehabilitation

320 East North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
(412) 359-6300
Paul B. Freeman, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To enhance the visual quality of life.

Funded by: Client fees, county funds, federal and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Tues. and Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant; occupational therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmic assistant; optometrist; optometry student/resident; ophthalmologist.

Number of Clients Served: 500-600 new patients per year.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Full low vision evaluations.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial at no charge; provided for purchase. On-site and in-home training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment, home visit or phone interview; varies according to patient.

Eye and Ear Ambulatory Services Corporation Eye Clinic

203 Lothrop Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 647-2146 or (412) 647-2147

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Last Tuesday afternoon of each month.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment at request of referring ophthalmologist.

The Eye Institute Pennsylvania College of Optometry William Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center

1201 West Spencer Street
Philadelphia, PA 19141
(215) 276-6060 or (800) 433-3937
(433-EYES)
Sarah Appel, Chief, Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide comprehensive low vision services and offer rehabilitation teaching, orientation and mobility services, and computer training.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; optician; social worker; special educator; mobility instructor; adaptive technology

specialist; rehabilitation teacher; genetic counselor; consultation with ophthalmologist available.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served: 1,000 clients per year.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Health: Ocular health evaluations by optometrists and ophthalmologists.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social service staff available to assist clients and their families. Older adults support group meets monthly.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility services available.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer; adaptive technology and devices.

Low Vision: Comprehensive low vision rehabilitation services provided by an interdisciplinary staff.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided. Optical and nonoptical devices prescribed. Closed-circuit television magnification systems available for evaluations and instruction.

Low Vision Follow-up: 2 weeks, follow-up visit; 6 months, check-up; 2-year and 5-year recall.

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind

311 Station Street
Bridgeville, PA 15017
(412) 221-2200
FAX: (412) 257-8574
Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., President
Kenneth Wojtczak, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide for people with low vision clinical and functional evaluations; optometric prescriptions, loaner aids, and training.

Funded by: Client fees; foundation grants; general donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Totally accessible.

Staff: Low vision specialist; orientation/mobility instructor; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; rehabilitation teacher.

History/Date: Established for outpatients in 1992.

Eligibility: Severe visual problem that causes functional difficulty; current ophthalmological or optometric report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling regarding vision loss and use of vision. Refers for additional services.

Residential: Available on short-term basis if needed.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Assessment and training.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed by O.D.; training provided; loaner aids available; dispensing of purchased aids.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment or phone contact.

**Scheie Eye Institute Department of Ophthalmology
University of Pennsylvania Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center**

51 North 39th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 662-9320

FAX: (215) 662-0133
Janet DeBerry Steinberg, O.D.,
Chief of Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Comprehensive low vision evaluations and rehabilitation.

Funded by: Client fees, foundation grants, donations.

Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1874.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Health: Optometry, ophthalmological consultations, genetics consultation.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social services, psychiatry. Social worker available.

Professional Training: Referrals to community and university-based resources.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; occupational therapy.

Low Vision Aids: Available for purchase; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Telephone interviews; return appointment as needed.

**Temple University Hospital
Ophthalmology Department**

3401 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140
(215) 221-3185
Nongnart Romayananda, M.D.

Funded by: Client fees, hospital.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 40 hours per week.

Staff: Ophthalmology assistant/resident/technician; optician; psychologist; ophthalmologist; social worker available.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan at no charge; sold at cost; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview.

**Vision Rehabilitation Clinic
Allied Services for the
Handicapped, Inc.**

475 Morgan Highway

Scranton, PA 18508

(717) 348-1360 or (717) 348-1361

Jerome W. Jordon, M.D.,

Co-director

Leroy Hurwitz, O.D., Co-director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: 1/2 day per week.

Staff: Optometrist; social worker; ophthalmologist; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; psychiatrist; registered nurses; registered physical therapists.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month.

**Wills Eye Hospital
Low Vision Service**

Ninth and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 928-3450

John B. Jeffers, M.D.

Susan E. Edmonds, O.D.

Scott A. Edmonds, O.D.

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, foundation grants.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; varies according to patient.

◆ *Aging Services*

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Pennsylvania Department of Aging

231 State Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101-1195

(717) 783-1550

Linda Rhodes, Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

PUERTO RICO

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Puerto Rico Department of Education

Special Education Program

P.O. Box 759

Hato Rey, PR 00919

(809) 759-7228

Marta Sanabria, Supervisor

For information about local programs, contact the above address.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Infants and Toddlers with Handicaps

Puerto Rico Department of Health

P.O. Box 70184

San Juan, PR 00936

(809) 767-0870, ext. 2228

FAX: (809) 765-5678

Carmen Aviles, Early Child Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Instituto Loaíza Cordero para Niños Ciegos

Fernandez Juncos 1312

Santurce, PR 00910

(809) 724-0893 or (809) 722-2498

FAX: (809) 722-3602

Awilda Nuñez, Director

Type of Agency: State residential school.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; mentally retarded, and multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: State and donations.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours (8:00 AM-3:00 PM school and rehabilitation service).

Program Accessibility: Preschool to 9th grade.

Staff: 91 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1919.

Number of Clients Served: 89.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired.

Area Served: Islandwide.

Age Requirements: 3 to 21 years.

Health: Treatment of eye conditions; follow-up evaluations of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; physical therapy. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts and refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Preschool through grade 9. Programs for adult continuing education; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Health, related services, and education.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand.

Residential: Dormitories; food and board.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; basketball. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluations. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Computer education for 7th to 9th grade students. Elementary computer recreation and related training.

Low Vision: Refers and consults to other agencies.

Low Vision Aids: Refers and consults to other agencies.

Low Vision Follow-up: Refers.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Instituto Loaíza Cordero para Niños Ciegos

Fernandez Juncos 1312

Santurce, PR 00910

(809) 724-0893

FAX: (809) 722-3602

Awilda Nuñez, Director

Funded by: Instituto Loaíza Cordero.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Assessment: Available from staff that includes an occupational therapist, speech pathologist, ophthalmologist and optometrist.

Consultation to Public Schools: Provided by the Department of Education.

Direct Service: To schools from preschool to Grade 9 programs; residential, recreation-related services, library, computers.

Parent Assistance: Available through Parent and Teachers Association.

Materials Production: Functional manual, brochures, norms provided.

Professional Training: In areas of visual impairment, mental retardation, multiple disabilities.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Puerto Rico
P.O. Box 22484
San Juan, PR 99031
Jose Santana, (809) 764-6000

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

520 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Stop 8/12, Puerta de Tierra
San Juan, PR 00901
(809) 723-2519 or (800) 462-8008
FAX: (809) 754-0843
Irving Figueroa, Librarian

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide talking and braille books and play-back machines to visually and physically impaired individuals in Puerto Rico.

Funded by: Puerto Rico Education Department in cooperation with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Budget: \$78,384.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM. Operates a 24-hour hot line.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: 2,137.

Eligibility: Print-disabled individuals: blindness, visual impairment, physical disability, or reading disability.

Area Served: Puerto Rico.

Age Requirements: Preschoolers to senior citizens.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Puerto Rico Department of Education

Special Education Program

P.O. Box 759
Hato Rey, PR 00919
(809) 759-7228

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

520 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Stop 8/12, Puerta de Tierra
San Juan, PR 00901
(809) 723-2519
Irving Figueroa, Librarian

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Puerto Rican culture and history.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Puerto Rico Deaf-Blind Parents Association

Projecto Ninos Sordos-Ciegos
Edificio B/Antiguo Hospital Ruiz Soler
Bayamon, PR 00619
(809) 783-9910
Felix Cortez, Contact Person

Puerto Rico Society for the Prevention of Blindness

P.O. Box 3232
San Juan, PR 00904
(809) 722-3531

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Puerto Rico Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 191118
San Juan, PR 00919-1118
(809) 725-1792 or (809) 724-7400, ext. 2335
FAX: (809) 721-6286
Francisco Vallejo, Assistant Secretary

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Vocational rehabilitation services.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: 1992: \$37,389,497.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-11:45 AM; 12:45 PM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 1,040 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served: 1991-92: 32,166.

Eligibility: Vocational handicap.

Area Served: Islandwide.

Transportation: Y.

Health: General health services.

Educational: General academic.

Reading: Reader services for individuals studying for high school diploma or college.

Rehabilitation: Comprehensive services.

Recreational: Y.

Employment: Evaluations; vocational training; placements; vending facility program.

Computer Training: Limited.

Low Vision: Low vision aids training.

Local Offices:

Hato Rey: Home Teaching Program for Blind Adults, P.O. Box 1118, Hato Rey, PR 00919, (809) 725-1792, (809) 724-7400, ext. 2109.

Hato Rey: Vending Facility Program, P.O. Box 1118, Hato Rey, PR 00919, (809) 725-1792, (809) 724-7400, ext. 2435.

San Juan: Vending Facility Program, P.O. Box 191118, San Juan, PR 00919-1118, FAX (809) 721-6298.

Santurce: Corporation Industries for the Blind of Puerto Rico, San Rafael Street, Stop 20, Santurce, PR 00912, (809) 721-3266.

Santurce: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind of Puerto Rico, 1331 Las Palmas Street, Stop 19, Santurce, PR 00923, (809) 724-2497, (809) 724-7240.

REHABILITATION**Puerto Rico Blind Rehabilitation Center****U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

VA Medical Center
One Veterans Plaza
San Juan, PR 00927-5800
(809) 758-7575
FAX: (809) 766-6021
Maria Neverez, Chief

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

◆ Low Vision Services**EYE CARE SOCIETIES****Puerto Rico Ophthalmological Society**

Box 1168
Hato Rey, PR 00191
(809) 758-2404
Vincente Alcaraz, M.D., President

◆ Aging Services**STATE UNITS ON AGING****Governor's Office for Elderly Affairs**

Corbian Plaza, Stop 23
Ponce De Leon Avenue #1603
U.M. Office C
Santurce, PR 00908
(809) 721-5710 or Information & Referral (809) 721-4560
Celia E. Cintron, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

RHODE ISLAND

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Rhode Island Department of Education

22 Hayes Street
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 277-2031
Peter McWalters, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides consultation services.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Rhode Island.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or George Barros, Consultant, or Robert Pryhoda, Consultant, Special Education Unit, 22 Hayes Street, Providence, RI 02908, (401) 277-3505.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Family Health Rhode Island Department of Health

3 Capitol Hill
Room 302
Providence, RI 02908-5097
(401) 277-2312
FAX: (401) 277-1442
William Hollinshead

Early intervention services to children aged 0-5.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Rhode Island Department of Library Services
300 Richmond Street
Providence, RI 02903-4222
(401) 277-2726 or toll-free in Rhode Island (800) 662-5141 or TDD (401) 277-2726
FAX: (401) 831-1131
Kenneth Marold, Machine Lending Information
Beth Perry, Librarian

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 8.

Area Served: Rhode Island.

Regional library of National Library Service network supplying talking books, braille and large-type books, tapes, cassettes, and machines. Cooperates in provision of volunteer taping program; has collection of regular print books about handicaps.

RADIO READING

IN-SIGHT Radio—Division of IN-SIGHT

43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 941-3322
Kristin Hayes, Director, Radio Reading
Judith T. Smith, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-Midnight; Sat.-Sun. 8:30 AM-7:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: Rhode Island, also nearby southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Connecticut.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Blindness

1800 17th Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 738-1150
Carolyn Ross, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Rhode Island Affiliate

18 Payan Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 828-0520
Diane Plante, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Office of Rehabilitation Services Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

275 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 277-2300 or TDD (401) 277-3010
FAX: (401) 277-1328
Thomas J. Thompson, Assistant Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program, Randolph-Sheppard vending facilities program, independent living program, social service program.

Funded by: Federal, state grants.

Budget: 1992: \$1,920,252.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 33 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1930; became part of Office of Rehabilitation Services, 1991.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 1,680.

Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired (acuity of 20/60); deaf-blind.

Area Served: Statewide.

Educational: Orientation and mobility; rehabilitation teaching.

Health: Contracts for medical diagnoses; physical restoration and treatment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Casework evaluation;

individual, family/parent, group counseling; psychological testing; placement in training, institution; referral to community services; educational placements.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Independent living, specialized program for those over 55 who are blind/visually impaired. Deaf-blind specialized program involving identification and supported employment.

Recreational: Conducts a camp for blind/visually impaired children and contracts for residential and day summer camp.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

REHABILITATION

IN-SIGHT (Rhode Island Association for the Blind)

43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

(401) 941-3322 or Workshop
(401) 941-6607

Judith T. Smith, President
Phillip F. Janes, Workshop Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide comprehensive services to persons who are blind or severely visually impaired.

Funded by: Contributions, fees for service, grants; endowment; workshop enterprise; annual fund-raising appeals.

Budget: \$1,000,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 65 full and part time; 400 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1923.

Number of Clients Served: 3,500.

Area Served: Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

Health: Special training for persons with diabetes by registered nurse in health component of Life Skills Program.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Casework; individual, group

and family counseling; information and referral; peer support groups.

Educational: Parent seminars; orientation/mobility instruction.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision. Regular in-service training programs; seminars for professionals in allied fields.

Reading: Uses volunteers for taping and recording services and as guides; readers; braille transcribers; computerized braille center provides ready access to brailled materials for area students. Operates IN-SIGHT Radio, a radio information service.

Rehabilitation: Activities of daily living; communication; home management; orientation/mobility; and other training. PRIDE (Path to Rehabilitation through Information, Discovery and Education) program (ages 55 and over); aids and appliances; life skills-diabetic rehabilitation program; regional support groups.

Recreational: Arts and crafts.

Employment: Industrial workshop and chair reseating, (401) 727-1111.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic providing examinations and evaluations and dispensing aids and devices.

Local Offices:

Providence: IN-SIGHT, 57 Porter Street, Providence, RI 02905, (401) 941-6666, Phillip F. Janes, Workshop Director.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Assistive Device and Technology Program

Meeting Street Center
667 Waterman Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
(401) 438-9500

Richard Lytton, Coordinator

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for individuals and instructors; consultation to schools.

Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

275 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 277-2382

Pat Ryherd, Supervisor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; braille access

systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ **Low Vision Services**

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Retina Consultants
690 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903-4928
(401) 274-5844
Harold Woodcome, Jr., M.D.,
President

Rhode Island Optometric Association

P.O. Box 8400
Warwick, RI 02888-0400
(401) 461-7550
FAX: (401) 941-5979
Rhoda Kelly, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

IN-SIGHT (Rhode Island Association for the Blind)

43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
(402) 941-3322
Helene Bradley, O.D., Director,
Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Wed.
9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

Eligibility: Ophthalmological
report.

Area Served: Rhode Island.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment with optometrist in 1
month; home visit by social worker
as needed.

◆ **Aging Services**

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

160 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02903-3708
(401) 277-2858
FAX: Information and Referral in
State (800) 322-2880
Maureen Maignet, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Rhode Island Department of Human Services

275 Westminster Street, Fifth Floor
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 277-2300 or (401) 277-2382
Thomas J. Thompson, Assistant
Administrator

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

SOUTH CAROLINA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Office of Programs for Exceptional Children South Carolina Department of Education

Rutledge Office Building
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-8222

FAX: (803) 734-8624

Ora Spann, Director, Office of Programs for Exceptional Children
Suzanne Swaffield, Education Associate

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide consultation to school districts about the needs of their visually impaired students.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 1 full time for blind and visually impaired children.

Number of Clients Served: 400 legally blind children.

Eligibility: 20/50 or less activity.

Area Served: South Carolina.

Age Requirements: Legal school age (3-21 years).

Educational: Consultations to public schools.

Preschools: Program for 3 year olds.

Professional Training: In-service training for special education teachers and other professionals.

For information about educational services for children with visual

disabilities, consult the director or education associate for the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children, South Carolina Department of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 734-8222, or the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Baby Net

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Robert Mills Building
P.O. Box 101106
Columbia, SC 29211
(803) 737-4047

FAX: (803) 734-4459

Nancy Fire, Baby Net Program Director

Evaluations, service coordination, parent-to-parent support, individualized family service plans.

SCHOOLS

South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

Cedar Spring Station
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(803) 585-7711

Linda A. Mackechnie, Principal,
School for the Blind
Joseph Finnegan, President

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: 1992: \$700,000.

Program Accessibility: Barrier-free building.

Staff: 47 full time; 6 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1849.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 77 (residential and day programs); 59 (outreach).

Eligibility: Visual impairment that prevents participation in regular school program without resource room assistance.

Area Served: South Carolina.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-22 years. Adult postsecondary.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers and contracts for other eye health services. Occupational therapist and physical therapist.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual counseling; placement in school.

Educational: Preschool through 12th grade. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development; GED preparation; Write to Read Lab.

Preschools: Kindergarten preparation (age 3-5) and parent-infant program (age 0-3).

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines. Library on campus.

Residential: Dormitories; small apartments; Independent Living House.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; football; roller skating. Cheerleading; volleyball; cross-

country paraolympics; goal ball. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; floraculture; vending stand training. Job coaches. Contracts for vocational placement.

Computer Training: Keyboarding skills; IBM word processing; educational software.

Low Vision: Assessments; training weekly.

Low Vision Aids: Closed-circuit television; Apollo; VTEK; magnifiers; adapted computers.

Low Vision Follow-up: Training and re-evaluation.

Provides extensive support to public schools through consultation and direct service in orientation/mobility; itinerant service to public schools available on request.

Provides training in the use of the state and styles and of technology.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Consultant for Visually Handicapped Programs, South Carolina Department of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 758-7432.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Charleston County Schools Vision Program

4720 Jenkins Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29406
(803) 745-7150
Jan Lichtenstein, Vision Program Coordinator

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Mission: Provides classes for multiply disabled and visually impaired children aged 3-5; consultant services to other programs.

Funded by: P.L. 99-457 monies, state and local funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible; accessible media formats.

Staff: 15 full time. Various therapists and medical specialists available as consultants.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Eligibility: Visually impaired preschool children, with or without other impairments.

Area Served: Charleston and surrounding counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams; hearing/speech/vision screening; mobility services; counseling. Other health services available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Preschools: Services of public schools throughout district.

Computer Training: Provided in all classrooms.

Low Vision: Provided in all classrooms.

Low Vision Aids: Provided in all classrooms.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7520
FAX: (803) 734-7885
Donald Gist, Commissioner
Lana Ott, Director of Community Services

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To afford blind and visually impaired children the opportunity to develop maximum

growth; to teach the skills necessary for optimal independent functioning; and to develop competencies for mainstreaming blind and visually impaired children effectively within community programs.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 4 full-time rehabilitation services counselors and 1 part-time rehabilitation services counselor.

Psychologist, occupational therapist, medical specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Has consumer advisory board with parent members.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Eligibility: Legally blind, with or without other disabilities.

Area Served: South Carolina.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Low vision exams; medical social services (dependent on financial eligibility).

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family counseling; parent workshops.

Educational: Orientation/mobility, positioning and handling training available on consultant or referral basis; instruction in most developmental areas.

Local Offices:

Charleston: Charleston District Office, Fairfield Office Park, Charleston, SC 29407, (803) 766-5556, Lisa O'Neill, Rehabilitation Services Counselor.

Columbia: Columbia District Office, 1430 Confederate Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 734-7562, Joseph Bradley, Rehabilitation Services Counselor.

Greenville: Greenville District Office, 669 North Academy Drive, Greenville, SC 29601, (803) 235-0403, Elizabeth McKown, Children's Services Counselor.

Rock Hill: Rock Hill District Office, 339 South Main Street, Suite 3, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 324-1845, Debbie Blackmon, Rehabilitation Services Counselor.

Walterboro: Walterboro District Office, 776-A North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, SC 29488, (803) 549-1501, Harris Mack, Rehabilitation Services Counselor.

Consultant services to other programs.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

Cedar Spring Station
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(803) 594-3212

Craig Jacobs, Director, Support Services and Outreach
Linda A. Mackechnie, Director, School for the Blind

Funded by: State funds; foundation grants; private donations.

Assessment: Assessments available.

Consultation to Public Schools: Information and other services available.

Direct Service: Orientation and mobility training available on a contract basis; other services available.

Parent Assistance: Parent-infant program.

Materials Production: Braille transcription.

Assessment: Psychological; low vision; braille, orientation and mobility; speech and language; audiology. Occupational therapist and physical therapist available.

Consultation to Public Schools: On request.

Direct Service: Parent-infant program; tours; referrals, resources.

Materials Production: Braille materials.

Professional Training: Braille and sign language classes.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of South Carolina College of Education

Columbia, SC 29208

Dr. Dennis Cates, Director of Programs for the Visually Impaired, (803) 777-8131, (803) 777-6582

Dr. Charles J. Vander Kolk, Rehabilitation Counseling, (803) 777-8131, (803) 777-3859

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's) program for teachers of the visually handicapped; master's program in rehabilitation counseling; doctoral-level program in counselor education.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

North Carolina State Library
1811 Capital Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27635
(919) 733-4376 or TDD (919) 733-1462

FAX: (919) 733-6910
Charles H. Fox, Librarian

See North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in North Carolina state listings.

South Carolina State Library Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

301 Gervais Street
P.O. Box 821

Columbia, SC 29202

(803) 737-9970 or toll-free in South Carolina (800) 922-7818

FAX: (803) 734-8676

Guynell Williams, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To provide library services to print disabled residents of South Carolina.

Funded by: Federal/state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 9.

Number of Clients Served: 7,223.

Eligibility: Certification print-handicapping condition.

Area Served: State of South Carolina.

Provides talking books, tapes, cassettes, and large-print books on loan. Provides playback equipment on loan. Reader advisory service.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Charleston County School District Pupil Personnel Services

4720 Jenkins Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29406
(803) 745-7150

FAX: (803) 566-7799

Jan Lichtenstein, Vision Program Coordinator

Groups Served: Preschool-high school.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; workbooks; dittos.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large print books.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7577

Norman J. Verigood, Media Center Manager

Area Served: South Carolina.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

Cedar Spring Station
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(803) 585-7711
Jack Todd

Area Served: South Carolina.

Groups Served: K-12 and postsecondary.

Types/Content: Textbooks; career/vocational; fiction for children; descriptive videos.

Media Formats: Braille and large-print books.

Title Listings: Available on request.

South Carolina State Library Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

301 Gervais Street
P.O. Box 821
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 737-9970
Guynell Williams, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students.

Types/Content: Recreational; religious.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Theodore Lester Elementary School

3501 East Palmetto Street

Florence, SC 29501

(803) 665-0695

Carol Roy, Resource Teacher for the Visually Handicapped

Area Served: PeeDee region of South Carolina.

Groups Served: Students aged 3-21.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

RADIO READING

South Carolina Educational Radio for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7555
Beth Jones, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-Midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: South Carolina.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

South Carolina Commission for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-7520 or toll-free in South Carolina (800) 922-2222
FAX: (803) 734-7885
Donald Gist, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Area Served: South Carolina.

Health: Diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment; prescribes eyeglasses and optical aids; public education.

Educational: Tuition support.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home economics; communications.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand program; home employment; follow-up.

Local Offices:

Charleston: Fairfield Office Park, Suite 109, Charleston, SC 29407, (803) 766-5556.

Conway: 311 Beaty Street, Conway, SC 29526, (803) 248-2017.

Florence: 825 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501, (803) 661-4788.

Greenville: 669 North Academy Street, Greenville, SC 29601, (803) 241-1111.

Greenwood: 1 Park Plaza, Suite 15, Greenwood, SC 29646, (803) 223-3334.

Orangeburg: The Moore Building, 1180 Boulevard, Suite A, Orangeburg, SC 29115, (803) 531-6885.

Rock Hill: 339 East Main Street, Suite 3, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 324-1845.

Spartanburg: P.O. Box 11, Cedar Spring Station, Spartanburg, SC 29302, (803) 583-9433 (Campus of South Carolina School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-handicapped).

Walterboro: 776-A North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, SC 29488, (803) 549-1501.

REHABILITATION

Association for the Blind

41 Pitt Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(803) 723-6915
Isabel M. Ewing, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To improve the lives of blind and visually impaired persons in the tri-county area.

Funded by: United Way; workshop sales; endowment; contributions; membership.

Budget: \$236,230.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 7 (management and general); 11 cane workshop.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 4,483.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: White canes provided and eyeglasses purchased for needy clients.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: On-going counseling groups, varied informal educational classes for self-improvement.

Reading: Braille; talking books; talking book machines; readers.

Rehabilitation: Braille instruction and crafts classes.

Recreational: Social activities: beep ball, walking, and bowling.

Employment: Cane workshop.

Recreational: Social activities.

Employment: Sheltered workshops.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

South Carolina Society of Ophthalmology

1673 Brabbham Avenue
Columbia, SC 29204

(803) 256-7494

Caroline L. Gibbs, M.D., President

South Carolina Optometric Association, Inc.

2730 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205

(803) 799-6721 or (803) 799-2305

William C. B. Payne, Jr.

LOW VISION CENTERS

South Carolina Commission for the Blind Columbia Office

1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-7876

Scott B. Johnson, Coordinator

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; social worker.

Eligibility: Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided.

Area Served: South Carolina.

Low Vision Aids: Provided by agency or purchased by patient; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as applicable.

Local Offices:

Charleston: Fairfield Office Park, Suite 109, Charleston, SC 29407, (803) 766-5556.

Florence: 825 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501, (803) 661-4788.

Walterboro: 776-A North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, SC 29488, (803) 549-1501.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind Spartanburg Office

Cedar Spring Station
P.O. Box 11

Spartanburg, SC 29302

(803) 594-3370

William Spearman, O.D.

Joy F. Rodgers, Clinic Coordinator

Funded by: Client fees; state funds.

Hours of Operation: One Friday each month, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist/low vision specialist.

Eligibility: Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided.

Area Served: South Carolina.

Transportation: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Provided by agency or purchased by patient; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as applicable.

South Carolina Eye Institute Department of Ophthalmology University of South Carolina School of Medicine

4 Richland Medical Park
Suite 100

Columbia, SC 29203

(803) 254-4398

Dr. Julianne Kleckley, Low Vision Specialist

Dr. Hunter Stokes, Clinical Instructor

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision specialist; cornea specialist; retina specialist; neuro-ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmology resident; orthoptist; ophthalmic photographer.

Eligibility: Referral from ophthalmologist.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided for purchase or prescribed; fitted; sold at cost; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

◆ *Aging Services*

STATE UNITS ON AGING

South Carolina Commission on Aging

Suite B 500

400 Arbor Lake Drive

Columbia, SC 29223

(803) 735-0210 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 868-9095 or

In Columbia (800) 735-0210

Ruth Seigler, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

SOUTH DAKOTA

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Office of Special Education South Dakota Division of Education

700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291
(605) 773-3678 or TDD (605) 773-6139
FAX: (605) 773-6139
Deborah Barnett, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State, a division of the State Department of Education and Cultural Affairs.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Area Served: South Dakota.

In cooperation with the Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, maintains staff responsible for the education of students with disabilities.

For further information, consult the Director of the Office of Special Education. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Office of Special Education South Dakota Division of Education

700 Governors Drive

Pierre, SD 57501-2291
(605) 773-3678 or TDD (605) 773-6302
FAX: (605) 773-6139
Rita Vetch, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Coordinates early intervention programs for preschoolers in South Dakota.

SCHOOLS

South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped

423 S.E. 17th Avenue
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7699
(605) 622-2580 or TDD (605) 622-7829
FAX: (605) 622-2607
Marjorie Kaiser, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; and deaf-blind students.

Budget: 1993: \$1,469,703.

Staff: 54 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1900.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Age Requirements: 21 years and under.

Health: Nursing; speech therapy. Contracts occupational therapy and physical therapy and refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, counseling. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Grades K through 12; also non-graded. General academic studies; vocational/skill development. Diagnostic program provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary educational evaluations, including braille and functional vision.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement;

low vision; orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Residential: Dormitories.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; rifle club; cross country skiing.

Employment: Transition services statewide; prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Low Vision: Low vision service.

Regional consultants assist parents and local schools in providing appropriate educational programs; on-site visits; in-service training and educational materials and resources.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped

423 S.E. 17th Avenue
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 622-2580
Dawn LaMee, Liaison for Services

Age Requirements: Birth-21 years.

Assessment: Multidisciplinary assessments conducted.

Direct Service: Regional consultants perform on-site visits and in-service training to assist parents and local schools.

Consultation to Public Schools: Provided by regional consultants.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped

800 Governors Drive

Pierre, SD 57501-2295
(605) 773-3131
FAX: (605) 773-4950
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge, supplied in braille with a charge.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

**Northern State College
Special Education and
Communication Disorders**

Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 622-2621
Dr. Ellen Engelhart, Contact Person

Programs Offered: Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped

800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2295
(605) 773-3514
FAX: (605) 773-4950
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

Type of Agency: Library for the blind and physically handicapped.

Mission: Provide access to print materials in braille, recorded, or large-print formats.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$325,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

History/Date: Est. 1966.

Number of Clients Served: 5,000.

Eligibility: Application required certifying visual impairment physical handicap that prevents holding book and/or turning pages, or reading/learning disability caused by organic disfunction.

Area Served: South Dakota and North Dakota.

Reading: Y.

Recreational: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Confined Leading Blind

P.O. Box 911
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911
(605) 339-6777
FAX: (605) 335-2924
E. John McCartin, Director

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; religious; business policies.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

South Dakota Industries for the Blind

800 West Avenue North
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796
(605) 339-6583
Frank Greet, Braille Print Coordinator

Groups Served: Schools, the public and private businesses.

Types/Content: All types of print materials.

Media Formats: Braille supplied at no charge.

RADIO READING

Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

East Highway 34
c/o 500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-4546
Grady Kickul, Director

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

South Dakota Department of Human Services

East Highway 34
c/o 500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-4644 or TDD (605) 773-4544

FAX: (605) 773-5483

Grady Kickul, Director, Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Federal and state funds.

Budget: 1993: \$2,300,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 40 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1943.

Number of Clients Served: 500 annually.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired and residing in South Dakota.

Area Served: Statewide.

Age Requirements: 14 years and older.

Health: Diagnosis, evaluation, and physical restoration services resulting in increased visual

functioning, including low vision services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Personal adjustment, vocational, peer, and family counseling. Information and referral services. Consultation.

Educational: Assistance with vocational and academic training leading to employment.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training program open to enrollment by other organizations.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; communications; independent living skills; leisure time activity; self-advocacy; and in-home rehabilitation teaching services.

Employment: Vocational evaluation, exploration; work adjustment; and job-seeking skills services. Job placement follow-up; past employment and supported employment services.

Computer Training: Evaluation regarding access devices, job-specific training, employment consultation and placement; training in word processing, database and spreadsheets.

Low Vision: One state-run low vision clinic and 16 rural low vision clinics annually.

Low Vision Aids: All aids recommended provided, subject to agency financial need criteria.

Low Vision Follow-up: Low vision specialist and rehabilitation teacher provide in-home training and follow-up.

Local Offices:

Aberdeen: Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, 115 Fifth Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, SD 57401-4836, (605) 622-2395.

Pierre: Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, c/o 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070, (605) 773-4921.

Rapid City: Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, Time Square Plaza, 111-A New York Street, Rapid City, SD 57701-1156, (605) 394-2253.

Sioux Falls: Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 800 West Avenue North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796, (605) 339-6581.

Sioux Falls: Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, 817 West Russell, Suite 102, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-1360, (605) 339-6677.

REHABILITATION

South Dakota Industries for the Blind

800 West Avenue North
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796
(605) 339-6583
Martin M. Luobke, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for individuals who are totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply disabled.

Funded by: Public funds; workshop sales; federal grants.

Staff: 9.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 70: 1992.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; other disabilities.

Health: Referred to community resources.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual counseling, referrals to community resources.

Rehabilitation: Work adjustment training; World of Work Classes; job placement; job coaching; life coaching.

Employment: Development of work skills; job placement and retention; situational community-based evaluation; braille services; job coaching services; sheltered employment.

South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

800 West Avenue North
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796
(605) 339-6581
Martin M. Luobke, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for individuals who are totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply disabled.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 10 full time, 2 part time. Volunteers used.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 48: 1992.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Health: Referred to community resources.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and group counseling, referrals to community resources.

Professional Training: Field rehabilitation teacher training.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; money management; home management; orientation/mobility; independent living experience; computer training; remedial education.

Recreational: Evening/weekend programs; arts and crafts; camping; canoeing; hiking; bowling; swimming; table games; beepball; goal ball; cross country skiing.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; career/skill counseling; referral to South Dakota Industries for the Blind for work adjustment training; job placement; job coaching services; sheltered employment.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Service to the Visually Impaired/ Business and Education Institute

Dakota State University
Madison, SD 57042
(605) 256-5555
FAX: (605) 256-5174
Rick Sterling

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; voice activated applications.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Montana and South Dakota Academy of Ophthalmology

23 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601

(605) 449-2334

FAX: (406) 449-3156

Gloria Hermanson, Executive
Director

South Dakota Optometric Society

P. O. Box 8

Pierre, SD 57501

(605) 224-0461

Ronald G. Schmidt

LOW VISION CENTERS

South Dakota Low Vision Services

Service for the Blind and Visually Impaired

800 West Avenue North
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796

(605) 339-6581 or (605) 339-6422

Dawn Backer, Low Vision
Specialist

Funded by: State funds and client fees.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision specialist.

Eligibility: Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided. Referral from other state agencies.

Area Served: South Dakota.

Low vision clinics conducted across the state and at the South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Office for Adult Services and Aging

700 North Illinois Street

Kneip Building

Pierre, SD 57501

(605) 773-3656 or Information and
Referral (605) 773-3656

Gail Ferris, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

South Dakota Department of Human Services

East Highway 34

c/o 500 East Capitol

Pierre, SD 57501-5070

(605) 773-4644

Grady Kickul, Director

Gaye Mattke, Project Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

TENNESSEE

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Tennessee Department of Education

132 Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-2851

Charles E. Smith, Commissioner
Joseph Fisher, Assistant
Commissioner, Division of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools.

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1947.

Provides consultation in educational services for local schools and agencies. Distributes braille and large type books, tapes, tape recorders, and talking books.

For information about local programs consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Office for Special Education Tennessee Department of Education

132 Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 741-3537

FAX: (615) 741-6236
Sarah Willis, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

SCHOOLS

Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 885-2451
FAX: (615) 885-2451
James Oldham, Instructional Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 160 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1844.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 160.

Eligibility: Legally blind; resident of Tennessee.

Area Served: Tennessee.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; mobile preschool family counseling; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.

Educational: Preschool-grade 12, and nongraded. Programs for college prep; general academic; prevocational.

Preschools: Programs for 3 and 4 year olds.

Professional Training:

Internship/field work placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; special education.

Residential: Y.

Recreational: Arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreational service.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; office occupations; work experience (community).

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Evaluation of students.

Contact local school superintendent or Ms. Rebecca Reddy, Preschool Counselor, 115 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 885-2451.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Memphis City Schools

2597 Avey Avenue
Memphis, TN 38112
(901) 454-5286 or (901) 683-8238

Rutha D. Pegues, Director of Special Education

Lev Williams, Consultant for Visually Limited

Type of Agency: Public school preschool program.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, state funds, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program grants.

Staff: For vision program: 31 full time (includes visually handicapped teachers); various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: Memphis.

Health: Adaptive equipment; health services available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Classes for visually handicapped and multihandicapped children, 3-5 years old. Consultant services to other programs.

Local Offices:

Memphis: Visually Limited Center, 1360 Colonial Road, Memphis, TN 38117, (901) 683-8238.

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools**Visually Impaired****Multihandicapped Program**

2601 Bransford Avenue
Nashville, TN 37204
(615) 259-8703
Dr. Cornell Lane, Director of Special Education

Funded by: P.L. 94-142 monies and local school funds.

Staff: 2 full time (visually handicapped/multiply handicapped teacher); 6 part time (includes physical therapist); occupational therapist available as consultant. Uses volunteers, practicum students.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Parent counseling and financial assistance available on referral.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Multihandicapped classroom in special public school.

**Services for the Blind
Tennessee Division of
Rehabilitation Services**

Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37248-6200
(615) 741-2919
FAX: (615) 741-4165
Terry C. Smith, Director

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Department of Human Services.

Mission: Services to visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities.

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 13 full time (rehabilitation teachers).

History/Date: Est. 1943.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Entire state.

Health: Adaptive equipment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Parent counseling.

Educational: Instruction in some developmental areas.

Local Offices:

Chattanooga: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 1501 Riverside Drive, Fifth Floor, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (615) 493-6056, Reed White, Regional Supervisor.

Columbia: Tennessee Services for the Blind, P.O. Box 457, 6011 Mount Pleasant Pike, Columbia, TN 38401, (615) 388-4015, Linda Fleming, Regional Supervisor.

Jackson: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 225 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 104-A, Jackson, TN 38301, (901) 423-5620, John R. Warmath, Regional Supervisor.

Johnson City: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 905 Buffalo Street, Johnson City, TN 37604, (615) 929-9142, Clyde T. Bible, Regional Supervisor.

Knoxville: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 531 Hemley Street, Suite 204, Knoxville, TN 37902, (615) 594-6054, Cal Gilespeie, Regional Supervisor.

Memphis: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 170 North Main Street, Room 802, Memphis, TN 38103, (901) 543-7309, Roger Boeving, Regional Supervisor.

Nashville: Tennessee Services for the Blind, 88 Hermitage Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210, (615) 741-2111, Stephen Pruitt, Regional Supervisor.

Home-based, consultant services to other programs.

Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 885-2451
Cleo J. Harris, Principal
Rebecca Reddy, Preschool Counselor

Type of Agency: State school.

Mission: Parent training for families with preschool children who are visually impaired or blind.

Funded by: Tennessee.

Hours of Operation: 12-month program operating within school hours.

Staff: 3 regional coordinators.

History/Date: Est. 1844.

Eligibility: Visually impaired children with or without other disabilities.

Area Served: Tennessee.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Provides adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; various health services, including low vision exams.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: Instruction in all developmental areas.

Center- and home-based programs for visually impaired children; consultation services to other programs.

**STATEWIDE OUTREACH
SERVICES****Tennessee School for the Blind**

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 741-4431
Rebecca Reddy, Director Outreach Services

Funded by: State funds.

Age Requirements: Birth through school age.

Assessment: Preschool diagnostic program.

Consultation to Public Schools: On request.

Direct Service: Through Media Center.

Parent Assistance: Parent training available for parents of preschool children.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Tennessee Department of Education Resource Center for the Visually Impaired

1210 Foster Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243-0386
(615) 741-5542
Carol McCarroll, Education Consultant

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, tangible aids equipment.

Media Formats: Braille, talking books, large print.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

George Peabody College for Teachers

Vanderbilt University

Box 328, Peabody College
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 322-8160
FAX: (615) 343-1570

Dr. Everett Hill, Doctoral Program,
(615) 322-8160

Dr. Mary-Maureen Hill,
Orientation and Mobility,
(615) 322-8155

Dr. Anne Corn, Visually Handicapped, (615) 322-8160

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired and the multiply disabled blind persons, and for orientation and mobility specialists.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

403 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37243-0313
(615) 741-3915 or toll-free in Tennessee (800) 342-3308
FAX: (615) 741-6471
Francis H. Ezell, Librarian

Type of Agency: Public library service.

Mission: To provide free public library to residents of Tennessee, who cannot read a regular print book due to a visual or physical impairment.

Funded by: State and federal monies.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 15.

History/Date: Est. 1970.

Number of Clients Served: More than 5,000.

Eligibility: Anyone who cannot read, hold, or turn the pages of a regular print book due to visual or physical impairment.

Area Served: State of Tennessee.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Clover Bottom Developmental Center

275 Stewarts Ferry Pike

Nashville, TN 37214

(615) 889-9247

John B. Redditt, Jr., Director

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Recording for the Blind

205 Badger Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
(615) 482-3496
Peggy Meier, Executive Director

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Temple Israel Sisterhood

108 St. Andrews Fairway
Memphis, TN 38111
(901) 683-6249
Doris S. Kiersky, Chairperson,
Services to the Blind

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; personal requests.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Braille lists supplied at no charge.

Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

403 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37243-0313
(615) 741-3915 or toll-free in Tennessee (800) 342-3308
FAX: (615) 741-6471
Francis H. Ezell, Librarian

Area Served: Tennessee.

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: Recreational and informational reading.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes and large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Turney Center and Industrial Prison

Turney Center
Route 1
Only, TN 37140
(615) 729-5161
Lannie Dedrick, Correctional Principal

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, general.

Media Formats: Braille books.

RADIO READING

West Tennessee Talking Library

1850 Peabody Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 725-8833
Steven C. Terry, Sr., Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: 21 counties in west Tennessee.

WPLN Talking Library

700 Second Avenue
Nashville, TN 37210
(615) 259-5081
Jim Stanford, Assistant Station Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat. 5:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sun. 2:00 PM-12:00 midnight.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: 50-mile radius from Nashville (31 counties in middle Tennessee).

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Tennessee Society to Prevent Blindness

95 White Bridge Road
Suite 513
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 352-0450
Alice Orr, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

United States Braille Chess Foundation

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Tennessee Division of Rehabilitation Services

Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37248-6200
(615) 741-2919
FAX: (615) 741-4165
Patsy Mathews, Assistant Commissioner for Rehabilitation Services
Terry C. Smith, Director, Services for the Blind

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Department of Human Services.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: Fees; state and federal funds.

Budget: \$50,563,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 58 full-time staff working with visually impaired clients. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1943.

Number of Clients Served: 1,750.

Eligibility: Severely visually impaired or with bilaterally progressive vision.

Area Served: State of Tennessee.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.
Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Reader services provided to clients who are in college or other training programs. Some services may be coordinated with state library.

Residential: Dormitories available at Tennessee Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

Rehabilitation: Vocational rehabilitation services; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; low vision services; technology-related services; vocational training; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation

teaching in client's home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Provided at Tennessee Rehabilitation Center. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.

Computer Training: Evaluation and training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Prescription and provision of spectacles or low vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Chattanooga: 1501 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (615) 493-6056, Reed White, Regional Supervisor.

Columbia: P.O. Box 457, 6011 Mount Pleasant Pike, Columbia, TN 38401, (615) 388-4015, Linda Fleming, Regional Supervisor.

Cookeville: 100 East Broad, Midtown Plaza, Cookeville, TN 38501, (615) 526-9576, Thurman England, Regional Supervisor.

Dyersburg: 1979 St. John Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024, (901) 285-4220, Bobby Gregory, Regional Supervisor.

Jackson: 225 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 104-A, Jackson, TN 38301, (901) 423-5620, John R. Warmath, Regional Supervisor.

Johnson City: 905 Buffalo Street, Johnson City, TN 37604, (615) 929-9142, Clyde T. Bible, Regional Supervisor.

Knoxville: 531 Hemley Street, Suite 204, Knoxville, TN 37902, (615) 594-6054, Cal Gillespie, Regional Supervisor.

Memphis: 170 North Main Street, Room 802, Memphis, TN 38103, (901) 543-7309, Roger Boeving, Regional Supervisor.

Nashville: 88 Hermitage Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210, (615) 741-2111, Stephen Pruitt, Regional Supervisor.

Smyrna: Tennessee Rehabilitation Center, Ninth and C Streets, Smyrna, TN 37167, (615) 741-4921, Joe DiDomenico, Superintendent, Paula Brooks, Supervisor of Visually Impaired Services, Richard Long, Director.

REHABILITATION

Alliance for the Blind and Visually Impaired

220 Overton Avenue
P.O. Box 111274
Memphis, TN 38111-1274
(901) 577-7800
FAX: (901) 577-3613
Greta T. Tyler, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Primary, non-vocational services to blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Community grants and donations.

Budget: \$200,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 8 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Number of Clients Served: More than 200.

Eligibility: Severe visual impairment that limits independence.

Area Served: Greater Memphis and surrounding counties.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group and family counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Provides in-service training. Contracts with public schools.

Preschools: Consultation and contract assessment and instruction.

Professional Training: Orientation and mobility; rehabilitation teaching.

Rehabilitation: Refers for vocational rehabilitation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Recreational: Refers for recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies. Periodically provides planned group activities.

Employment: Refers for employment services.

Low Vision: Assessment; dispense nonprescription devices.

Low Vision Aids: Aids recommended and dispensed.

Low Vision Follow-up: Provided as necessary.

Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind

4110 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, TN 37209
(615) 741-2251
FAX: (615) 741-5024
W. Allen Broughton, Executive Vice President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide employment for visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Lions Club, donations, state of Tennessee.

Budget: \$1,901,490.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Number of Clients Served: 16.
Area Served: Middle Tennessee.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation program to train and place visually impaired persons.

Employment: Provides employment to the blind and legally blind persons.

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

2532 Watauga Road
 Johnson City, TN 37602
 (615) 929-7008
 FAX: (615) 929-7008
 Maxine Smiley, Supervisor

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provides gainful employment for blind workers.

Funded by: Sales.

Budget: \$300,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 20.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Number of Clients Served: 1992:
 23.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Tennessee.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18-65 years.

Tennessee Rehabilitation Center Visually Impaired Services

460 Ninth Avenue
 Smyrna, TN 37167-2010
 (615) 741-4921
 FAX: (615) 355-1373
 Paula Brooks, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Comprehensive rehabilitation and referral services.

Funded by: Federal and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Residential facility.

Staff: 10.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served: Fiscal year 1991-92: approximately 145 clients.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired; Tennessee resident.

Area Served: Entire state of Tennessee.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 17 years or older.

Health: Occupational/physical/speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluation; individual/group counseling.

Educational: Adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.

Preschools: Child care for clients who are day students.

Residential: Dormitory for multiply handicapped adults.

Rehabilitation: Daily living/communication skills; orientation/mobility; sensory training; low vision; braille.

Recreational: Arts/crafts; hobbies; bowling; swimming; evenings/weekends.

Employment: Evaluation; counseling; training; refers for placement in sheltered workshops and vocational placements.

Computer Training: Adaptive technology for visually impaired persons to access computers.

Low Vision Aids: Spectacles and aids loaned, issued.

Low Vision Follow-up: Referred as needed.

VITAL (Visually Impaired Training and Learning) Center

1302 South Willow Street
 P.O. Box 3467
 Chattanooga, TN 37404
 (615) 624-0025
 FAX: (615) 624-1226

Carlene Lebows, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide professional rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired individuals.

Funded by: Fees, state and local funds, foundations, fund raising, and bequests.

Budget: \$325,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible for all disabilities.

Staff: 7.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Number of Clients Served: 200 per year.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired individuals.

Area Served: Southeast Tennessee; northern Georgia.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: All ages.

Health: Low vision clinic. Sells low vision devices, independent living aids and appliances.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Sight loss discussion groups, family program, information and referral.

Educational: Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

Preschools: Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

Professional Training: University intern program. Low vision training for ophthalmology residents.

Reading: Talking book information and referral.

Residential: Day facility.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and mobility, adapted living skills, and communications.

Recreational: Social activities.

Employment: Adaptive Employment Program (AEP), progressive program to train and assist in the placement of visually impaired individuals in jobs in the

community. On-site job analysis for employers.

Computer Training: Access; training on adaptive computers.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation by appointment.

Low Vision Aids: Available for training and purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: 6 month follow-up or as needed.

VITAL (Visually Impaired Training and Learning) Center of Nashville

Centre Building

2014 Broadway

Nashville, TN 37203

(615) 624-0025

Carlene Lebous, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide professional rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired individuals.

Funded by: Fees, state and local funds, foundations, fund raising, and bequests.

Budget: \$270,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Accessible for all disabilities.

Staff: 6.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired individuals.

Area Served: Middle Tennessee and northern Kentucky.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: All ages.

Health: Low vision clinic. Sells low vision devices, independent living aids and appliances.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Sight loss discussion groups, family program, information and referral.

Educational: Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

Preschools: Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

Professional Training: University intern program. Low vision training for ophthalmology residents.

Reading: Talking book information and referral.

Residential: Day facility.

Rehabilitation: Orientation and mobility, adapted living skills, and communications.

Recreational: Social activities. Sports program.

Employment: Adaptive Employment Program (AEP), progressive program to train and assist in the placement of visually impaired individuals in jobs in the community. On-site job analysis for employers.

Computer Training: Access; training on adaptive computers.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation by appointment.

Low Vision Aids: Available for training and purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: 6 month follow-up or as needed.

Volunteer Blind Industries

758 West Morris Boulevard

Morristown, TN 37815-0706

(615) 586-3922

Roy Proffitt, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Offer rehabilitation services and gainful employment.

Funded by: Fees; workshop sales; capital income.

Budget: \$300,000 (Rehabilitation Department).

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 13 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Number of Clients Served: More than 100 (rehabilitation); 150 workshop employers.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Tennessee.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 and older.

Health: Referrals to eye health services.

Educational: Programs for deaf-blind persons; for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.

Reading: Distributes talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines. Information and referral.

Residential: Y.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifiers; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; orientation/mobility.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

Computer Training: Basic skills; sensory aids technology.

Low Vision: Evaluation; training in use of low vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

West Tennessee Lions Blind Industries

A.P. Mills Industries for the Blind

346 St. Paul Avenue

P.O. Box 2175

Memphis, TN 38101-2175

(901) 543-7874

FAX: (901) 529-0640

Wanda Speight, Acting Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide sheltered employment for blind, visually impaired, and other workers; to provide training, to minimize physical and financial dependency.

Funded by: Workshop sales and sub-contracts.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. GED (General Equivalency Diplomat) classes Sat. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Staff: 12 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Eligibility: Preference given to persons who are blind, visually impaired, or have other disabilities, in that order.

Area Served: Western Tennessee, northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas.

Employment: Some vocational training; sheltered workshop.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Tennessee Rehabilitation Center

460 Ninth Avenue
Smyrna, TN 37167-2010
(615) 741-4921
FAX: (615) 355-1373
James Unger, Sensory Aids Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 885-2451
Bill Schenk, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology

Suite 350, Physicians Plaza
988 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
(615) 482-7398
Francis R. Reid, M.D., President

Tennessee Optometric Association

992 Davidson Drive, Suite F
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 353-0246
Gary Odom

LOW VISION CENTERS

Erlanger Medical Center Lions Low Vision Service

979 East Third Street
Suite 401
Chattanooga, TN 37403
(615) 267-5151
Deborah D. DiStefano, M.D.,
Department Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Lions Club.

Hours of Operation: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmologist.

Low Vision Aids: Assistance for patients ordering from optical shop.

Low Vision Follow-up: None provided.

Southern College of Optometry

1245 Madison Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 725-0180 or (901) 722-3200, ext. 274
FAX: (901) 722-3275
Tressa Eubank, O.D., Low Vision Clinic

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 1:30 PM-5:30 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; sold at cost; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site and in-home training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Commission on Aging

706 Church Street, Suite 201
Nashville, TN 37243-0860
(615) 741-2056
Emily Wiseman, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information and other local aging services.

TEXAS

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Texas Education Agency

1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9414

FAX: (512) 475-3575

Jill Gray, Director, Division of
Special Education

Marty Murrell, Director of Visually
Handicapped Programs

Nick Necaise, Visually

Handicapped Program Consultant

K.C. Dignan, Visually

Handicapped Program Consultant

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers state funds for education and related services to students with visual, impairments from birth through age 21. Provides consultation, technical assistance, and other support for education programs.

Interfaces with other public education services and other agencies serving disabled persons.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Childhood Program Texas Department of Health

1100 West 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756

(512) 458-7673

FAX: (512) 458-7454

Mary Elder, Executive Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for children: screening and assessment; physical, occupational, speech, and language

therapy; activities to develop cognitive and (adaptive) skills; adaptive equipment; transportation. Families are served through: case management; training on how to help their children; counseling; support groups.

Funded by: State funds.

Eligibility: Children under age 3 with a developmental delay or a medically diagnosed condition known to lead to delay.

Area Served: Texas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Under age 3.

SCHOOLS

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 West 45th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 454-8631

Philip Hatlen, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: 1992: \$10,112,163.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours/day.

Staff: 424 full time and part time.

History/Date: Est. 1856.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 165.

Eligibility: Visually impaired, resident of Texas.

Area Served: Texas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5-22 years.

Health: Medical, ophthalmological, and dental treatment for students.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Family counseling; psychological testing; consultation and referral.

Educational: Elementary through secondary level for blind children, including those who are multiply disabled and deaf-blind; summer school programs. Vocational

evaluations for public school students; educational assessments for all visually impaired students; early childhood outreach program statewide.

Professional Training: Summer programs; college-level coursework on campus.

Residential: Home-style living facilities for elementary and secondary students and group home for deaf-blind students.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications; occupational therapy; physical therapy.

Recreational: Afterschool and weekend activities.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Computer Training: Speech output systems, screen magnification systems, braille access systems, and word processing.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children

4242 Office Parkway

Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 828-9900

FAX: (214) 828-9901

Robert Berger, Executive Director
Carol Danielson, Education
Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide comprehensive family-focused services to families who have a child with a visual impairment.

Funded by: Private donations, state, federal funds, United Way.

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM.

Staff: 16 full time (visually handicapped, early childhood,

severely handicapped teachers; physical therapist; orientation/mobility specialists); occupational therapists, speech pathologists, social workers. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

History/Date: Est. 1950.

Eligibility: Visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Area Served: Dallas, Tarrant, and surrounding counties.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; functional vision exams; medical evaluations; immunizations.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance; case management; family-focused early childhood intervention parent component.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas; consultant services to other specialized programs, and inclusive settings.

Preschools: Home- and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, 0-5 years. Classes for visually handicapped and multihandicapped children, 2-5 years. Inclusive day care facility.

Professional Training:

Professional development and parent workshops on working with preschool aged visually impaired children.

Developmental Education Birth through Two (DEBT Project)

1628 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 747-2641
Gloria Galey, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Funded by: Local taxes, P.L. 94-142 monies, state funds (for rural program), Handicapped Children's Early Education Program Outreach grant, Title IV-B, private donations.

Staff: 35 full-time equivalents. Various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served: 225.

Eligibility: Developmentally delayed children aged 0-2 years.

Area Served: Lubbock Independent School District. Expanded program serving 12-county rural areas in western Texas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-2 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; medical evaluations; nutrition; services necessary to enable a child to benefit from the other early intervention services.

Immunizations available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance; skill-building opportunities for parents; service coordination.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based (some center-based) activities and consultant services for visually impaired, multihandicapped, and other disabled children, 0-2 years.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1100 West 45th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 454-8631

FAX: (512) 458-3395

Cyral Miller, Director of Outreach

Funded by: State and federal funds.

History/Date: Est. deaf-blind program in 1981; expanded to a separate Outreach Department in 1990 to serve all students with visual impairments.

Age Requirements: Students from 0-22 years, their families, and related service providers.

Assessment: Technology evaluation; assistance in training assessment personnel on appropriate evaluation techniques.

Consultation to Public Schools: On-site consultation regarding programming for identified students as well as organization of overall delivery of services.

Direct Service: Technical assistance to local personnel rather than direct provision of educational instruction.

Parent Assistance: Parent training; parent/professional lending library; resources and information; support for parent groups; financial assistance to attend workshops.

Professional Training: Offer local, regional, and statewide workshops and conferences both as sponsor and in coordination with other organizations.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Texas Materials Center for Students with Visual Handicaps
Texas Education Agency

1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9414

FAX: (512) 475-3575

Nick Necaie, Visually Handicapped Program Consultant

Area Served: Texas.

Groups Served: Local school districts.

Title Listings: Titles available through quota funds listed in catalogs from the American Printing House for the Blind.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Stephen F. Austin State University

SFA Station, Box 13019
Nacogdoches, TX 75962
(409) 568-2906
FAX: (409) 568-1342
Robert Bryant, Orientation and Mobility, (409) 569-2906
William Bryan, Visually Handicapped, Dual Competency, (409) 568-2906

Programs Offered: Undergraduate programs for teachers of the visually impaired, orientation and mobility specialists, dual competency teachers of the visually impaired/orientation and mobility.

Texas Tech University College of Education

Box 41071
Lubbock, TX 79409-1071
(806) 742-2320 or (806) 742-2345
FAX: (806) 742-2179
Dr. Virginia Sowell, Orientation and Mobility
Dr. Alan Koenig, Visually Handicapped
Dr. Roseanna Davidson, Dual Sensory Impairment

Programs Offered: Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of students with visual impairments and multiple disabilities and students with dual sensory impairments and for orientation and mobility specialists. Certification-only and summer coursework also offered.

Distance Education: Y.

University of Texas at Austin

Special Education Department,
EDB 306
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-4161
Dr. Jane Erin, Multihandicapped
Dr. Brad Walker, Orientation and Mobility

Programs Offered: Certification (post bachelor's) and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually impaired or multiply disabled students. Additional coursework in early childhood available. Other areas of special education and rehabilitation and transitional programming.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Texas State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Capitol Station
P.O. Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 463-5458 or toll-free in Texas
(800) 252-9605 or TDD (512) 463-5449
Dale Propp, Librarian
Marie Deckard, Machine Lending Information

Funded by: Public funds.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Area Served: Texas.

Regional library providing talking books, braille and large type books, cassette books.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children

4242 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 828-9900
FAX: (214) 828-9901
Virgil Miller, Braille Administrator

Area Served: Texas.

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Independent Transcribers

4785 Cumberland Circle
El Paso, TX 79903
(915) 565-8793
Carol Sharp, Chairperson

Area Served: None specified.

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: None specified.

Lighthouse of Houston

3530 West Dallas Avenue
P.O. Box 130435
Houston, TX 77219-0435
(713) 527-9561 or (713) 527-8165
FAX: (713) 527-8165
Barbara Schneidher, Director of Braille Services
Gibson M. DuTerroil, President

Area Served: Greater Houston and southwestern Texas.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, menus, cards, general.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

North Texas Taping and Radio for the Blind

3001 Bookhout
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 871-7668
FAX: (214) 871-7669
Nancy Adrian, Executive Director

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults, educational institutions.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, general books other than recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Catalogs available.

Reading agency for Library of Congress Talking Book program.

Recording for the Blind

404 West 30th Street
Austin, TX 78705
(512) 477-9390
Kathy Keegan-Davis

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

202 North C Street
Midland, TX 79701-6143
(915) 682-2731
Sandy Davis, Executive Director

Area Served: Texas.

Groups Served: K-12, college students and adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, as requested.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: None specified.

Region IV Education Service Center

P.O. Box 863

Houston, TX 77001
(713) 462-7708
FAX: (713) 462-6827
Diane Spence, Director, Computer Braille Center

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, tests, supplementary materials.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Computer disk listing at no charge.

Texas State Library Talking Book Program

P.O. Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 463-5458 or toll-free in Texas
(800) 252-9605
Dan David, Audio Operations
Renulfo Ramirez

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Braille production and recordings at cost.

RADIO READING**El Paso Radio Reading Service**

100 Dunne Street
El Paso, TX 79905
(915) 532-4495
Joyce M. Cragin, Executive Director
Carmen Romero, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 11:30 AM-7:30 PM; Tues.-Thurs. 2:00 PM-3:00 PM and 5:30 PM-6:30 PM in Spanish.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: 60-mile radius from El Paso serving western Texas and south central New Mexico.

Houston Taping for the Blind Radio

3935 Essex Lane
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 622-2767
Donald F. Knowlton, Executive Director
Pamela K. Parker

Hours of Operation: 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight, daily.

Area Served: Houston metropolitan area including Galveston, Texas City, Freeport.

North Texas Taping and Radio for the Blind

3001 Bookhout
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 871-7669
Nancy Adrian, Executive Director
Dick Jenkins, Station Manager

Hours of Operation: 7 days a week, 5:00 AM-10:00 AM; 3:00 PM-11:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: 100-mile radius from Dallas.

San Antonio Independent Living Service

8610 Broadway, Suite 420
San Antonio, TX 78217
(210) 805-0295
FAX: (210) 822-7249
Larry Correu, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Area Served: San Antonio and Bexar counties.

Soundsight

Center for Telecommunications Services
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-4683
Vanessa Jackson, Producer
William Giorda, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Sat.
9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Sun. 8:00 AM-
12:00 noon.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Area Served: 42-mile radius from
Austin; 87-mile radius from central
Texas.

South Texas Audio Reader

8607 Parkfield Drive
Austin, TX 78758
(512) 453-6801
Charles Raeke, Director

**INFORMATION AND
REFERRAL**

**American Foundation for the
Blind**

Southwest Regional Center

260 Treadway Plaza
Exchange Park
Dallas, TX 75235
(214) 352-7222
FAX: (214) 352-3214

See American Foundation for the
Blind in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Dallas Affiliate**

4700 Abbott Avenue, #18
Dallas, TX 75205
(214) 528-8880
Betty Edge, President

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Houston Gulf Coast Affiliate**

P.O. Box 19395
Houston, TX 77224
(713) 448-7707
Nancy Freed, President
Mario Bosquez, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
Texas Panhandle Affiliate**

Texas Tech University Health and
Sciences Center
Department of Ophthalmology
Lubbock, TX 79430
(806) 743-2405
Rockefeller Young, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
Austin Regional Center**

4501 Spicewood Springs Road
Suite 1049
Austin, TX 78759
(512) 338-9668
FAX: (512) 338-9480
Carol Green, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
Dallas Regional Center**

3610 Fairmont Street
Dallas, TX 75219
(214) 528-5521
Mary Morris, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
East Texas Regional Center**

2737 South Broadway
Suite 209
Tyler, TX 75701
(903) 592-2671 or (903) 592-2664
Mac Johnson, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
El Paso Regional Center**

7500 Viscount
Suite 174

El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 775-1200

Joanne Patton, Branch Executive
Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
Fort Worth Regional Center**

329 South Henderson
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 332-8125
Jean Enzian, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
Galveston Regional Center**

P.O. Box 2050
Galveston, TX 77553
(409) 762-9074
FAX: (409) 765-8475
Janyce Blozinski, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
Lubbock Regional Center**

3008 50th Street, Suite E
Lubbock, TX 79413
(806) 797-6701
Amy Fox, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Texas Society to Prevent
Blindness
Midland Regional Center**

2303 West Wall, Suite 628
P.O. Box 5325
Midland, TX 79705-5325
(915) 683-0003
Jeannette Bryant, Executive
Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness

San Antonio Regional Center

10205 Oasis Drive
Suite 202
San Antonio, TX 78216
(210) 734-5051
Heather L. Fassnidge, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

Texas Society to Prevent Blindness

State Office

3211 West Dallas Avenue
Houston, TX 77019-3400
(713) 526-2559
L. V. Wade, Executive Director
William M. Carpenter, President and CEO

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Austin Junior Women's Federation

**Christian Education for the Blind
Corneal Dystrophy Foundation**

Eyes of Faith Ministries

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

Taping for the Blind

Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Texas Commission for the Blind

Administration Building
4800 North Lamar Boulevard
P.O. Box 12866
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 459-2500 or (800) 252-5204
(voice or TDD)
FAX: (512) 459-2685
Pat D. Westbrook, Executive Director
Terry Murphy, Deputy Director for Programs

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: To assist Texans who are blind or visually impaired to secure or maintain employment in careers consistent with their skills, abilities, and interests and to live as independently as possible. To assist in preventing blindness, stabilizing vision, and when possible, restoring vision.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Area Served: Texas.

Health: Contracts for diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment; low vision clinic.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing; consultation and referral.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand program; business enterprises program; follow-up.

Local Offices:

Abilene: 100 Chestnut, Suite 101, Abilene, TX 79602, (915) 672-1385 (voice or TDD).

Amarillo: Park West, Building B, 7132 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106, (806) 353-9568 (voice or TDD).

Austin (North): Administration Building, 4800 North Lamar, (Mailing: P.O. Box 12866, Austin, TX 78711), Austin, TX 78756, (512) 459-2544 (voice or TDD).

Austin (South): 3001 South Lamar, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 326-1441 (voice or TDD).

Beaumont: 3515 Fannin Street, Suite 105, Beaumont, TX 77701, (409) 838-5201 (voice or TDD).

Bryan-College Station: Southwest Professional Building, Suite 110, 1701 Southwest Parkway, College Station, TX 77840, (409) 696-9610 (voice or TDD).

Corpus Christi: 410 South Padre Island Drive, Suite 103, Corpus Christi, TX 78405, (512) 289-1128.

Dallas: 5925 Maple Avenue, Suite 220, Dallas, TX 75235, (214) 350-0500 (voice or TDD).

El Paso: 5100 El Paso Drive, El Paso, TX 79905, (915) 779-6385 (voice or TDD).

Fort Worth: 4200 South Freeway, Suite 307, Fort Worth, TX 76115-1404, (817) 926-4646 (voice or TDD).

Galveston: Port Holiday Mall, 400 The Strand, Suite 201, Galveston, TX 77550, (409) 762-8631 (voice or TDD).

Harlingen: 513 East Jackson, Harlingen, TX 78550, (210) 423-9411 (voice or TDD).

Houston: Heights Medical Tower, Suite 407, 427 West 20th, Houston, TX 77008, (713) 880-0721 (voice), (713) 880-8002 (TDD).

Laredo: Building S1, 600 South Sandman, Laredo, TX 78041, (210) 723-2954 (voice or TDD).

Lubbock: 22 Briercroft Office Park, #9, Lubbock, TX 79412, (806) 765-7999 (voice or TDD).

Lufkin: 3201 South Medford, Lufkin, TX 75901, (409) 634-7733 (voice or TDD).

Odessa: Building A, Suite 103, 2817 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa, TX 79762, (915) 368-0881 (voice or TDD).

Pasadena: Suite 109, 3222 Burke Road, Pasadena, TX 77504, (713) 944-9924 (voice or TDD).

Pharr: 1899 North Cage, Pharr, TX 78577, (210) 787-7364.

San Angelo: 2201 Sherwood Way, Suite LL8, San Angelo, TX 76901, (915) 949-4601.

San Antonio: Heritage Plaza, Suite 300, 410 South Main, San Antonio, TX 78204, (210) 223-3831 (voice or TDD).

Texarkana: 1423-C College Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503, (903) 793-6779 (voice or TDD).

Tyler: 1101 East Southeast Loop, 323, Building 4, #640, Woodgate Office Park, Tyler, TX 75701-9638, (903) 581-9945 (voice or TDD).

Victoria: El Centro Office Building, Suite 107, 1801 North Laurent, Victoria, TX 77901, (512) 575-2352.

Waco: Executive Plaza, 6801 Sanger, #200, Waco, TX 76710-7807, (817) 772-9284 (voice or TDD).

Wichita Falls: 2910 Kemp Street, Suite 112, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, (817) 723-2786 (voice or TDD).

REHABILITATION

Beacon Lighthouse for the Blind
300 Seventh Street
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
(817) 767-0888
FAX: (817) 767-0893
A. W. Edgemon, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Product sales.

Staff: 5 full time; uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: North central Texas.

Rehabilitation: Independent living rehabilitation provides counseling, daily living skills instruction, self-help groups, casework services, and recreational opportunities for blind, legally blind, deaf-blind and multiply disabled blind adults. Vocational rehabilitation includes vocational evaluation, work adjustment counseling, on-the-job training, therapeutic mobility training, and casework services. Clients should be referred by the Texas Commission for the Blind.

Employment: Sheltered workshop offers job opportunities in manufacturing plant. Volunteer, intern, and practicum opportunities are available. Supportive employment.

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

4245 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204
(Mailing: P.O. Box 64420, Dallas, TX 75206)
(214) 821-2375
FAX: (214) 824-4612
Jeffrey J. Battle, President
Kerry L. Goodwin, Vice President, Rehabilitation Services
Robert Hill, Vice President, Industrial Division
Richard T. Smith, Vice President, Finance and Administration

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit; NAC accredited.

Mission: To provide opportunities for people with sight disabilities to achieve social and economic independence.

Funded by: Revenues from sales of products; federal and state

grants and fees; private contributions; United Way.

Budget: \$7.5 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Bilingual (Spanish/English) and sign language interpreters; readers; brailled, large-print, and taped materials; Kurzweil Reader. Facilities are fully accessible.

Staff: 55 full-time equivalents. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1931.

Number of Clients Served: 950 per year.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, multiply disabled blind, or severely visually impaired persons.

Area Served: Primarily the following counties in northern central Texas: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: At least 16 years old.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Independent living services include information and referral; assessment and intake; participant support; staff counseling; peer counseling; emergency assistance; home visits; daily living skills instruction; orientation and mobility training; support groups; follow-up.

Residential: Dormitory and transitional housing programs.

Rehabilitation: Vocational rehabilitation services include vocational evaluation; psychological assessment; neuropsychological evaluation; work adjustment training; on-the-job training; work activities training; extended rehabilitation training; employment readiness training; personal/social adjustment training; supported employment;

placement assistance; Kurzweil Reader instruction; school-to-work transition; orientation and mobility training. Clients should be referred by the Texas Commission for the Blind.

Recreational: Instructional classes; fitness activities; social activities; special events; outdoor activities.

Employment: Industrial Division offers training and employment opportunities from hand packaging/assembly to complex machine operations. Agency gives priority to people with sight disabilities in clerical, staff, and managerial positions. Volunteer, intern, and practicum opportunities available.

Computer Training: Technology evaluations and basic technology training services.

Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children

4242 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 828-9900
FAX: (214) 828-9901
Robert H. Berger, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: United Way; Early Childhood Intervention; Area Agency on Aging; Texas Commission for the Blind; contributions; grants; memorials; sliding fee scale.

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM.

Staff: 34.

History/Date: Est. 1950.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Dallas County.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Low vision training.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and group

counseling; referral.

Reading: Braille transcription.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; braille; mother-infant class.

Recreational: Summer program for children, 6-22 years.

Low Vision: Evaluations.

Low Vision Aids: Aids, devices and training.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

500 North Bois D'Arc
Tyler, TX 75702
(903) 595-3444
J. Gordon Bryson, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, learning disabled and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales; sub-contracts; income from capital funds; fees; donations.

Budget: 1992: \$1,000,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 12 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 145.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: 35 counties of Eastern Texas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Over 18 years.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and tapes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; closed-circuit television.

Residential: Dormitory for adults and multiply disabled persons.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; video magnifier.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops. Provides consultation to other agencies on other employment services.

Computer Training: Access.

Low Vision Aids: Low vision clinic available twice monthly.

Local Offices:

Longview: 1300 East Cotton, Longview, TX 75601, (214) 757-9831.

Tyler: Client Services Center, 1716 Forest Avenue, Tyler, TX 75702, (214) 595-3444.

El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind

100 Dunne Street
El Paso, TX 79905
(915) 532-4495
FAX: (915) 532-6338
Jim Branscombe, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Employment, training, rehabilitation, and technical services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf persons.

Funded by: Fees; donations; workshop sales; grants.

Budget: \$650,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, or by appointment.

Staff: 15 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Number of Clients Served: 2,400 per year (all programs).

Eligibility: Legally blind; vocationally handicapped; by referral.

Area Served: Western Texas, southern New Mexico, northern Mexico.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: None.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological testing and evaluations; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching.

Reading: Lends talking book record players and cassette players. Information and referral. Operates radio reading service in English and Spanish.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; refers for other rehabilitation services; extensive rehabilitation program for elderly blind persons.

Employment: Full supported employment services. Occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; work activity center. Refers for other employment services.

Computer Training: Complete training program in low vision and speech systems. Training in 14 software packages. Assists in low vision computer vocational evaluations.

Low Vision: Complete low vision clinic with fitting and training.

Low Vision Aids: Loaned for period of 6 weeks. Available for purchase at cost.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults South Central Region Office
4455 LBJ Freeway, LB#3
Suite 814

Dallas, TX 75244-5998
(214) 490-9617 (voice and TDD)
C. C. Davis, Regional Representative
Martha Bagley, Services to Older Adults

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

High Plains Lighthouse for the Blind

2010 N.W. First Street
Amarillo, TX 79106
(806) 374-2909
DeWayne Robertson, Executive Director

Employment: Offers supported employment for legally blind persons in the manufacture of safety clothing and other products.

Lighthouse of Houston

3530 West Dallas Avenue
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 527-9561
Gibson M. DuTerroil, President
Patrick E. Patton, Vice President for Client Services
Shelagh Moran, Vice President for Community Services

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Provides vocational rehabilitation evaluations, training, and education programs. Community Services include residential program and life skills training.

Funded by: Industrial sales; sub-contracts; United Way; fees for service; grants; contributions.

Budget: 1992: \$10,446,077.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 104 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1939.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 5,214.

Eligibility: Blind, legally blind, or deaf-blind.

Area Served: Greater Houston area and southwestern Texas.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Evaluation; psychological testing; counseling; consultation and referral.

Preschools: Daycare centers.

Professional Training:

Internships at the Lighthouse of Houston, University of Houston, and Low Vision Clinic.

Reading: Braille, tape, and large-type books. Kurzweil Reading Machine.

Residential: Deaf-blind group homes, training apartments, 240-unit apartment facilities.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; independent living; clerical, word processing, and medical transcription training; computer programming and literacy; multi-care for elderly blind; orientation/mobility; residential services for deaf-blind adults and children.

Recreational: Outdoor activities; music; arts and crafts; sports and games; special events; cultural arts.

Employment: Vocational assessments and training; employment skills development; placement; high school equivalency.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview.

San Antonio Association for the Blind

2305 Roosevelt Avenue
P.O. Box 10230

San Antonio, TX 78210
(210) 533-5195
FAX: (210) 533-4230
Bob R. Plunkett, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

Funded by: Fees; donations; bequests; sales.

Staff: 34 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1933.

Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; multiply disabled; self-referral through local state agency.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Refers for counseling and other social work services.

Educational: Programs for vocational/skill development.

Reading: Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

Rehabilitation: Vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; personal management; handwriting; typing; orientation/mobility. Refers and contracts for other rehabilitation services.

Employment: Sheltered workshops. Competitive job training and client employment assistance.

South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

1907 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78469
(512) 883-6553 or (512) 883-1041
Barbara Russell, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; and multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: Fees; workshop sales; sub-contracts; contributions.

Budget: 1991: \$2,500,000.

Staff: 5 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1964.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Rehabilitation: Sells special aids and appliances at cost.

Employment: On-the-job training and sheltered workshop employment.

Tarrant County Association for the Blind

912 West Broadway
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 332-3341
FAX: (817) 332-3456
Robert W. Mosteller, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Workshop sales, sub-contracts, contributions, endowment, and fees for service.

Budget: \$1,091,291.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 15 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1935.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 785.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Area Served: Tarrant County, northwest central Texas region.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral.

Residential: Co-educational living facilities for blind multiply disabled persons.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; orientation/mobility.

Employment: Evaluation; vocational training; placement;

work adjustment; sheltered workshop.

Computer Training: Speech output systems; database software.

Texas Commission for the Blind Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center

4800 North Lamar
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 467-6300
Ed Kunz, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and orthopedically disabled persons.

Staff: 53 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Eligibility: Clients of the Texas Commission for the Blind; legally or totally blind.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy and sensory integration; physical therapy. Refers for speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Vocational rehabilitation counseling services; psychiatric evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Accepts all multiply disabled students. Programs for adult remedial education; college prep; English as a second language.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; teaching; nursing and general rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs; rehabilitation teacher training.

Reading: Talking book cassette player; talking book cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection.

Residential: Dormitories for adults; elderly; multiply handicapped; and on-site apartments for independent living experience.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; sign language; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home and money management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education; sex education; independent living experience. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; evening/weekend programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; camping; canoeing; hiking; bowling; swimming; track; table games. Community recreation services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; prevocational skill development. Refers for other employment services.

Low Vision: Low vision service; prescription and provision of spectacles and low vision aids.

Travis Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 3297
Austin, TX 78764
(512) 442-2329
FAX: (512) 442-5498
Fred M. Weber, Sr. Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: Fees; workshop sales.

Budget: \$2 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 13 full time; 1 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Number of Clients Served: 175.

Eligibility: Visual impairment; supported by state agency; ambulatory.

Area Served: 26 counties in central Texas.

Age Requirements: 16 years and older.

Health: Provides low vision aids. Contracts and refers for other eye health services.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

Waco Blind Rehabilitation Clinic U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Center
4800 Memorial Drive
Waco, TX 76711
(817) 752-6581, ext. 7492
FAX: (817) 752-6581
Stan Poel, Chief

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the central portion of the country.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

2001 Austin Street
San Angelo, TX 76903
(915) 653-4231
FAX: (915) 657-9367
Robert B. Porter, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales; sub-contracts; training fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1963.

Number of Clients Served: 30.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; referral from state agency.

Area Served: 42 counties in western Texas.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Refers for other

counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and wheelchair-bound clients.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players; cassette tape players; talking book records and tapes; braille books and large-print books; braille magazines.

Employment: Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment services.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Center for Computer Assistance to the Disabled

1950 Stemmons Freeway
Suite 4041
Dallas, TX 75207
(214) 746-4217 or (817) 429-5327
FAX: (214) 746-4203
Cheryl Lawson, Program Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Lighthouse of Houston

3530 West Dallas Avenue
P.O. Box 130435
Houston, TX 77219-0435
(713) 527-9561
FAX: (713) 527-8165
Bernice Stavinolla, Instructor

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00.

Eligibility: Blind; legally blind; deaf-blind.

Area Served: Greater Houston area and southwestern Texas.

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Tarrant County Association for the Blind

912 West Broadway
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 478-2396
James Baggott, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; database software.

Texas Commission for the Blind

4800 North Lamar
Suite 110
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 459-2568
Cathy Duvall, Supervisor,
Technical Services

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 West 45th Street
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 454-8631
James Allan, Education Technical Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing.

William Judson Center San Antonio Association for the Blind

2305 Roosevelt Avenue
P.O. Box 10230
San Antonio, TX 78210
(210) 533-5195
Cindy Miller, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Texas Ophthalmological Association

401 West 15th Street
Austin, TX 78701-1680
(512) 370-1504
FAX: (512) 370-1635
Sandy Choate, Executive Director
David G. Shulman

Texas Optometric Association, Inc.

1016 La Posada, Suite 174
Austin, TX 78752
(512) 451-8476
B.J. Avery, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Dallas Services for the Visually Impaired

Low Vision Clinic

4242 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204
(214) 828-9900
Dr. Steven Ahlers, O.D., Director
Jackie Campen, Administrative Assistant

Type of Agency: Private, non-profit, multidisciplinary clinic.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Low vision evaluation; private and group counseling; low vision aid training, orientation/mobility instruction.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan; no rental fee; on-site training available.

El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind Low Vision Center

100 Dunne Street

El Paso, TX 79905
 (915) 532-4495
 FAX: (915) 532-6338
 Jim Branscombe, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Employment, training, rehabilitation, and technical services for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Client fees; foundation grants; donations.

Budget: \$650,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, or by appointment.

Staff: Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

History/Date: Est. 1934.

Number of Clients Served: 2,400 per year. All programs.

Eligibility: Referral; current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: El Paso and surrounding areas of western Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Mexico.

Transportation: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted at no charge. On-site and in-home training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

Lighthouse of Houston Low Vision Clinic

3602 West Dallas Avenue
 Houston, TX 77019
 (713) 284-8402
 Randall T. Jose, O.D., Director of Clinical Services
 John Ferraro, Clinic Administrator

Funded by: Client fees; state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; optometry student/resident; social worker; mobility instructor; special education instructor.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview, as needed.

Low Vision Unit Hermann Eye Center

6411 Fannin Street
 Houston, TX 77030-1697
 (713) 797-1777, ext. 521
 FAX: (713) 799-2735
 Jack Holladay, M.D., Director
 Kathleen Saathoff, C.O., Low Vision Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision specialists; ophthalmic assistant/technician; ophthalmology residents; optician; rehabilitation counselor; contact lens technician; orthoptist.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: 6 years and older.

Professional Training: Refers for in-service programs.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation counseling for individuals for home, school, and on the job.

Low Vision: Low vision services.

Low Vision Aids: On-site training provided. Loan for trial purpose at no charge; available for purchase after evaluation. CCTVs and computer-related devices on site for demonstration.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment.

Santa Rosa Low Vision Clinic

315 North San Saba
 Suite 1220
 San Antonio, TX 78207
 (210) 228-0030
 Dr. Kathleen E. Fraser, O.D.,
 F.A.A.O., Director

Type of Agency: Private.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Thurs.-Fri. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

Staff: Orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic technician; optometrist.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served: 800 annually.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Peer counseling.

Low Vision: On-site/in-home training provided.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan at no charge and/or purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Orientation/mobility specialist trains for use of telescopes for public transportation. Access and training on computer aids and devices.

Texas Tech University School of Medicine Health Sciences Center

Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
 Thompson Hall
 Lubbock, TX 79430
 (806) 743-2410

Donald R. May, M.D., Chairman
 George S. Tyner, M.D., Director of Low Vision Service

Type of Agency: University medical school.

Mission: To help patients with less than 20/70 acuity improve their vision.

Funded by: Client fees; state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon. and Thurs. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM weekly.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; optician.

History/Date: Est. 1980.

Number of Clients Served: 8 per week.

Eligibility: Ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Southwest Texas, western Texas, and eastern New Mexico.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

**University of Texas
Health Science Center at Dallas
Department of Ophthalmology
Low Vision Clinic**

5303 Harry Hines
Dallas, TX 75235-8866
(214) 688-3835
Dr. Edward Mendelson, O.D., Low Vision Clinic Director
Alicia Ford

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees and Texas Commission for the Blind.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Half glasses, magnifiers and telescopes provided for purchase; on-site training not provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointment.

University of Texas, Health Science Center

Department of Ophthalmology
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78284-6230
(210) 567-8400
FAX: (210) 567-8413
W. A. J. van Heuven, M.D.,
Professor and Chairman

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, and Texas Commission for the Blind.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Follow-up: By appointment.

Austin, TX 78711

(512) 459-2600

Pat D. Westbrook, Executive Director

Robert Packard, Project Director,
(512) 459-2588

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Texas Department on Aging

Capitol Station
IH 35 South
P.O. Box 12786
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 444-2727 or Information & Referral In State (800) 252-9240
Mary Sapp, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Texas Commission for the Blind

Administration Building
4800 North Lamar

UTAH

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Utah State Office of Education Special Education Section

250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 538-7510 or (801) 538-7517
Dr. Stevan Kukic, Coordinator,
Services for At Risk Students and
Director, Special Education
Beth Morgan, Early Childhood
Specialist
John Killoran, Specialist, Preschool
Program for Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Utah.

Local school districts administer supplemental state funds for visually impaired students in local schools. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area or the coordinator of special education programs.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Early Intervention Program Division of Family Services Utah Department of Health

P.O. Box 16650-BCSHS
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0650
(801) 538-6922
FAX: (801) 538-6510
Jennifer Haake, Acting Early
Childhood Coordinator

Developmental services for disabled and developmentally delayed 0-2 year olds. Family support/educational services relevant to the child's disability.

SCHOOLS

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

742 Harrison Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84404
(801) 399-9631
David L. West, Superintendent
Lee Robinson, Assistant
Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; children who might also be learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.

History/Date: Est. 1896.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 900.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; unable to receive appropriate education in regular public school classroom.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent/infant program.

Educational: Full program of general academic studies; prevocational skill development; daily living skills; orientation/mobility classes. Teacher consultant program serving public school students.

Preschools: Preschool classes offered to visually impaired children between ages 3 and 5, with transportation provided.

Professional Training: Internship programs; in-service training, fieldwork with public schools.

Residential: Dormitories for visually impaired students ages 4 1/2-21 provided during the week.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Center and Homebound Preschool Intervention Program

Exceptional Child Center
UMC 68, Utah State University

Logan, UT 84322
(801) 750-2008

Dr. Sebastian Striefel, Director of
Services

Dr. Phyllis Cole, Coordinator of
Clinical Services

John Killoran, Educational Services
Coordinator

Type of Agency: University-affiliated facility.

Funded by: State funds, Titles XIX and XX and fees.

Staff: 31 full time (early childhood/visually handicapped, psychologists, occupational therapist); 17 part time (various specialists, graduate assistants). Advisory board with parent members for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Eligibility: Visually handicapped; multiply handicapped.

Area Served: Cache, Box Elder and Rich counties.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Provides adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests; acute illness/emergency sick care; school physicals.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling and training.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based program for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and other handicapped infants, 0-3 years. Multihandicapped and noncategorical classrooms for preschoolers, 3-5 years. Consultant services to other programs. Conducts research and training.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Parent-Infant Program (PIP)
742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 399-9631

Dorothy Smith, Director, Blind Program

Rosalie Reese, Director, Deaf Program

Type of Agency: State residential school.

Mission: Services for visually and hearing impaired, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind children.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, state funds, and limited donations.

Staff: Blind Program: 5 full time, 35 part time; Deaf Program: 5 full time, 35 part time.

History/Date: PIP est. 1979.

Eligibility: Visually or hearing impaired, with or without other impairments.

Area Served: Entire state.

Health: Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, and low vision exams available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based program for visually handicapped infants, 0-2 years, with or without other impairments (includes deaf-blind); home teaching, preschool classes, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and deaf-blind children, 3-5 years.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 399-9631

FAX: (801) 298-3311

Dorothy Smith

Funded by: Utah state legislature, Part H (0-3 years).

Age Requirements: 0-21 years of age.

Assessment: Growing up, INSITE, Barraga Assessment of Visual Development tests.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Teacher consultant program for the rural districts of Utah.

Liaison for itinerant teachers for visually impaired students employed by districts.

Direct Service: Parent-infant program. Home-based early intervention.

Materials Production: Braille and large-print when other sources are not available.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Utah State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

2150 South 300 West

Suite 16

Salt Lake City, UT 84115

(801) 466-6363

FAX: (801) 533-4657

Gerald A. Buttars, Librarian

Bessie Oaks, Librarian

Type of Agency: Public library for the blind and physically handicapped.

Mission: To provide books and other information to the blind and physically handicapped in a format they can use.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$700,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 16 full time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1961.

Number of Clients Served: 8,700.

Eligibility: Must be certified by a competent authority, defined by law as being blind, physically or reading disabled.

Area Served: Utah and Wyoming with total library service. Serves Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and Alaska with braille service only.

Educational: The library offers textbooks for students in large-print, braille, or recorded formats.

Reading: All reading to patrons is done on magnetic tape and circulated to them.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large-type books, and cassette books.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

National Federation of the Blind of Utah

72 East 400 South

Suite 275

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

(801) 364-9007 or (800) 876-9007

Jannis Spencer

Area Served: Primarily Utah but other states as well.

Types/Content: Text materials other than music, including computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 399-3748

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Utah State Radio Reading Service

2150 South 300 West
Suite 16
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
(801) 466-6363
Dennis Hall, Director
Bob Wall, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.
6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Area Served: Northern Utah.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Utah Affiliate

661 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 524-2020
Colleen Malouf, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Utah Chapter

4196 Abinadi Road
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
(801) 278-3591
Martha Lapetina, President

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Special Curriculum

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Utah Division of Services for the Visually Handicapped

309 East 100 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 533-9393
William Gibson, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds, workshop sales, sub-contracts, and fees for service.

Staff: 50 full time, 1 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1919.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Utah.

Health: Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; public education.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Consultation and referral; group work; psychological testing.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork for social work and rehabilitation counseling.

Reading: Talking book machines; readers; Optacon.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; sheltered workshop; vending facility training; follow-up.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic; prescribes eyeglasses.

Local Offices:

Ogden: Ogden Center for the Blind, 150 North Washington Boulevard, Ogden, UT 84404, (801) 393-0166.

Provo: Provo District Office, 150 East Center Street, Suite 3300, Provo, UT 84603, (801) 374-7724.

REHABILITATION

Utah Industries for the Blind

1595 West Fifth Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
(801) 533-5191 or (800) 933-5191
FAX: (801) 975-0279
Ronald E. Lundeen, Workshop Director

Type of Agency: Sheltered workshop.

Mission: To provide employment and employment training for blind and visually impaired adults.

Funded by: Self-generated revenues and fund raising.

Budget: \$1.5 million.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Est. 1909; Converted from public to private, nonprofit in 1991.

Number of Clients Served: 70.

Eligibility: Blind adults.

Area Served: Utah.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Rehabilitation: In cooperation with state of Utah rehabilitation program.

Employment: Employment and job skills.

Local Offices:

Ogden: Utah Industries for the Blind, Ogden Satellite Workshop, 20th and Monroe, Ogden School for the Deaf, Building 113, Ogden, UT 84401, (801) 392-5793, Susan Flowers, Supervisor.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Computer Center for Citizens with Disabilities

401 Twelfth Avenue
Suite 114
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
(801) 321-5770
Craig Boogaard, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; word processing; database software.

Introduction to adaptive computer devices also provided.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Utah Ophthalmological Society

540 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
(801) 355-7477
Merrill Oaks, M.D., President

Utah Optometric Association

382 11th Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
(801) 364-9103
Clive Watson

LOW VISION CENTERS

Low Vision Services

Utah Division of Services for the Visually Handicapped

309 East 100 South

Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 533-9393, ext. 307 or
(800) 284-1823

FAX: (801) 538-0437

Robert M. Christiansen, M.D., Staff
Ophthalmologist

Bryan R. Gerritsen, Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Comprehensive low vision services to visually impaired persons throughout the state of Utah.

Funded by: State funds; vocational rehabilitation; and payment (at cost) by clients for low vision aids purchased.

Hours of Operation: Daily, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, by appointment.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision specialist; low vision advisors; social worker; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor.

History/Date: Est. 1959.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 825.

Eligibility: Referral by an optometrist or ophthalmologist; visually impaired.

Area Served: All areas of Utah.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Adjustment to blindness and vision loss by social worker, or in a class/group. Provides link to support groups in Utah.

Low Vision: Provides help for near vision tasks, distance vision tasks, improved lighting, reduced glare, improved functioning, and suggestions for modification in the home, work site, and school.

Low Vision Aids: Available for sale at cost. Provided on loan for trial upon request. Postclinic training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Visits to home, job site, and/or school within one week of clinic appointment, by a low vision advisor.

Low Vision Aids: Not provided on loan; sliding fee scale for optical aids; post-clinic training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By visit to home, school or place of employment when requested.

Outreach clinics conducted weekly in Senior Citizens Centers throughout the state. Call for schedule and appointment.

University Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology

50 North Medical Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84137
(801) 581-2352

Randall J. Olson, M.D., Chairman and Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees, Medicaid/Medicare.

Staff: Ophthalmologist, counselor.

Eligibility: Referral and current ophthalmological report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Counseling for visually impaired individuals and families; support groups; orientation to vision loss program.

Low Vision Aids: Prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Return appointments.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Division of Aging and Adult Services

Utah Department of Social Services

1200 North West 200
P.O. Box 45500
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0500
(801) 538-3910

Robin Arnold-Williams, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 538-7530

R. Blaine Petersen, Executive
Director

William Gibson, Project Director,
(801) 533-9393

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

VERMONT

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Special Education Unit Vermont Department of Education

State Office Building
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620
(802) 828-3141

FAX: (802) 828-3140

Dennis Kane, Executive Director
Kathy Andrews, Early Education
Consultant

Susan Kimmerly, Chief, Special
Education Unit Compensatory Unit
Bob McNamara, Chief,
Compensatory Unit

Type of Agency: State, a unit of
the Department of Education.

Mission: Administers
supplemental state funds for
visually impaired children
attending local schools. Provides
special educational services for
visually impaired children.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-
4:30 PM.

Area Served: Vermont.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-

Help: Provides parental counseling
and preschool services.

Educational: Offers tuition and
fellowships.

Reading: Distributes braille and
large-type books, tapes and tape
recorders.

For information about local
facilities, consult the
superintendent of schools in the
area or the Vermont Association for
the Blind and Visually Impaired, 37
Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, VT
05401.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Special Education Unit Vermont Department of Education

State Office Building
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620
(802) 828-3141

FAX: (802) 828-3140

Kathy Andrews, Early Childhood
Coordinator

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

37 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-1358

FAX: (802) 863-1481

Audrey Haselton

Area Served: Vermont.

Groups Served: All consumers
with visual impairments.

Types/Content: Durable
equipment and consumable
supplies.

Media Formats: Braille, large-
print, tape.

Title Listings: Call up for up-to-
date listings.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Vermont Department of Libraries Special Services Unit

RD #4, Box 1870
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 828-3273 or toll-free
(800) 479-1711

FAX: (802) 828-2199

S. Francis Woods, Librarian

Regional library supplying talking
book machines, talking books,

cassettes, records and large-print
books. Reference services and
volunteer-produced materials
available.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Vermont Affiliate

Vermont Association for the Blind
and Visually Impaired
37 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-1358

FAX: (802) 863-1481

Michael Richman, Contact Person
Shirley Booth, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Vermont Agency of Human Services

Osgood Building
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2211

FAX: (802) 244-8103

David Mentasti, Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers the federal-
state rehabilitation program;
provides services for totally blind,
legally blind, and visually
impaired, deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Federal and state
monies.

Budget: 1993: \$1,413,000.

Hours of Operation: 7:45 AM-
4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully
accessible.

Staff: 14.

History/Date: Est. 1927.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 716.

Eligibility: Medically diagnosed visual impairment that constitutes a handicap to social and economic self-sufficiency.

Area Served: Statewide.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Contracts and refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Limited.

Preschools: Limited.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Contracts and refers for rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Contracts and refers for recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job development; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other employment-related services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Local Offices:

Barre: 255 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641, (802) 479-4278.

Burlington: 1193 North Avenue, P.O. Box 3347, Burlington, VT 05401, (802) 863-7530.

Rutland: 173 West Street, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 773-5822.

Springfield: 262 River Road, Springfield, VT 05156, (802) 885-9133.

REHABILITATION

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

37 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-1358 or (800) 639-5861
Jules Coté, Executive Director
Susan Wells, Director of Programs

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for blind, visually impaired, multiply disabled persons.

Funded by: Capital income; state appropriation; fees for service; fund raising; federal and state grants.

Budget: \$1.2 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 32 full time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 1,500.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Vermont.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Information and referral; outreach; peer counseling.

Educational: Special education programs.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching, low vision.

Local Offices:

Brattleboro: 8 Park Place, Brattleboro, VT 05301, (802) 254-8761.

Montpelier: 73 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 223-5618.

Rutland: 10 Burnham Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 775-6452.

Vermont Association of Business, Industry, and Rehabilitation

Champion Mill #60
Winooski, VT 05404
(802) 655-7215
FAX: (802) 655-7216
Kevin Veller, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To place people with disabilities into jobs and to help employers retain people who become disabled while working.

Funded by: Federal grants, contracts, fees for service.

Budget: 1992: \$500,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 15 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 250.

Eligibility: Job-ready disabled persons referred by the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Age Requirements: Set by the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Educational: Job-seeking skills training.

Employment: Vocational counseling, job development, job placement, and follow-up. Consultation and training to employers on disability-employment issues.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Vermont Agency of Human Services

103 South Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2245
Geoff Howard, Consultant

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Rehabilitation Technical Services

One South Prospect Street
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 656-8187
Darrin Harrison, Technical Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Vermont State Ophthalmological Society

55B Timberlane Medical Center
South Arlington, VT 05401
(802) 658-3530
Peter P. Lawlor, Jr., M.D., President

Vermont Optometric Association

168 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201-1874
(802) 442-2115
Alexander Tenentes, O.D.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities

Osgood Building
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2400 or Information & Referral In State (800) 642-5119
Lawrence G. Crist, Commissioner

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Vermont Agency of Human Services

Osgood Building
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2211
David Mentasti, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

VIRGINIA

♦ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped Program for Infants, Children, and Youth

397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227-3697
(804) 367-0030

FAX: (804) 371-3351

Donald L. Cox, Commissioner
Glen R. Slonneger, Jr., Program and Policy Specialist, Program for Infants, Children, and Youth

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services to infants, children, and youths, from birth through 21 years of age, who have a visual disability.

Funded by: State funds, P.L. 89-313, Section 110 funds.

Budget: \$1,379,445.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 19 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served: FY 1992: 1,241.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Virginia.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision aids.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: Works cooperatively with public schools to develop and maintain itinerant and resource room programs for visually impaired children/youths.

Provides technical assistance, orientation/mobility services.

Reading: Braille and large-print textbooks, special equipment, and adapted material are available for loan to schools through the agency's instructional material and resource center.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Recreational: Summer camp.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

For information about local services, consult the Program and Policy Specialist, Program for Infants, Children, and Youth, Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Infant and Toddler Program Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-3710

FAX: (804) 371-7959

Anne Lucas, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Coordination of statewide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families in accordance with Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

SCHOOLS

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton

700 Shell Road

Hampton, VA 23661

(804) 247-2075

FAX: (804) 247-2224

Frank R. Bryan, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 17 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 21.

Eligibility: Blind; Virginia resident living east of I-95.

Area Served: Virginia.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 2-21 years (day school); 5-21 years (residential school).

Health: Well-staffed infirmary open 24 hours per day, Monday to Friday.

Educational: Preschool through secondary level for blind children, including multiply disabled children.

Preschools: Y.

Residential: 5 days per week.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.

Recreational: Athletics.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; follow-up.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

P.O. Box 2069

Staunton, VA 24402

(703) 332-9046

FAX: (703) 332-9042

Dr. Joseph Panko, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Budget: \$5 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 22 full time; 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1839.

Number of Clients Served: 48 annually.

Eligibility: Blind; Virginia resident living west of I-95.

Area Served: Virginia.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5-22 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

Residential: Dormitories and day students.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby

groups; swimming; physical education. Refers for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; follow-up service.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

**Children's Rehabilitation Center
University of Virginia Hospital**

2270 Ivy Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(804) 924-5500

Sharon L. Hostler, M.D., Medical Director

Susan Delks, M.D., Pediatrician

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313 monies, income from capital funds, state funds, and other sources.

Staff: 190 full time (includes visually handicapped, early childhood, severely handicapped teachers; occupational and physical therapists; various other specialists), 30 part time. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Health: Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, health immunizations, and blood tests. Low vision exams, other health services available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling; financial assistance.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Center-based programs and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped, other handicapped infants, 0-2 years. Multihandicapped and

noncategorical classrooms, resource room, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped, other handicapped children, 3-5 years.

**Virginia Department for the
Visually Handicapped**

397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227-3697
(804) 371-3140

FAX: (804) 371-3351

Glen R. Slonneger, Jr., Program and Policy Specialist, Program for Infants, Children, and Youth

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides services to visually impaired persons aged 0-21.

Funded by: P.L. 89-313, state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 19 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1936.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 287.

Eligibility: Visual impairment.

Area Served: Virginia.

Age Requirements: 0-5 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based programs, consultant services to other programs in private and public facilities, using itinerant model, for visually impaired/multiply disabled infants, 0-2 years. Home teaching and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped/multihandicapped children, 2-5 years. Part of 3

statewide systems of comprehensive services, at both the state and local levels.

Preschools: Y.

Professional Training: Y.

Reading: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Contact local school superintendent for program information in local areas. For regional offices in which educational specialists and orientation and mobility specialists can be found, see Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services listings.

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton

700 Shell Road

Hampton, VA 23661

(804) 247-2075

Elaine Sveen, Educational Director

Type of Agency: State residential school.

Mission: Provides essential services for children who are deaf or blind or have sensory-impaired multiple disabilities by providing quality day and residential programs to children referred by local school divisions and by serving as a resource for similar children educated throughout the commonwealth.

Funded by: State funds and other sources.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Includes teachers of visually impaired students and staff dually certified as teachers and orientation/mobility specialists; various specialists and therapists available as part-time staff or consultants. Uses volunteers. Has

advisory board (parent members) for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Number of Clients Served: 1991-92: 21.

Eligibility: Blind; Virginia resident living east of I-95.

Area Served: Virginia.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Day students—2 to 21 years of age. Residential students—5 to 21 years of age.

Health: Well-staffed infirmary open 24 hours per day, Monday to Friday.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Guidance counselors, social worker, psychologist, and clinical psychologist available.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Preschools: Y.

Residential: Y.

Employment: Vocational training.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Low vision exams.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton

700 Shell Road

Hampton, VA 23661

(804) 247-2075

Elaine Sveen, Educational Director

History/Date: Est. 1906.

Age Requirements: Birth to 21.

Assessment: Y.

Consultation to Public Schools: Y.

Direct Service: In conjunction with Department for the Visually Handicapped.

Parent Assistance: Y.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped Instructional Materials and Resource Center

1901 Roane Street

Richmond, VA 23222

(804) 786-8016 or toll-free in Virginia (800) 552-7015

FAX: (804) 371-6146

Barbara Bowman, Director

Area Served: State of Virginia.

Groups Served: Ages 0-22 who are still enrolled in a public, private, or parochial secondary program.

Types/Content: Developmental and educational materials.

Media Formats: Braille, large-print textbooks.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Fredericksburg Area Subregional Library

Central Rappahannock Regional Library

1201 Caroline Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

(703) 372-1144 or toll-free in

Virginia (800) 628-4807 or TDD

(703) 372-1144

FAX: (703) 373-9411

Nancy Schiff, Librarian

Subregional library.

Hampton Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

4207 Victoria Boulevard

Hampton, VA 23669

(804) 727-1900 or TDD (804) 727-1900

FAX: (804) 727-1152

Mary Sue Newman, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Newport News Public Library System**

112 Main Street
Newport News, VA 23601
(804) 591-7418 or (804) 886-2828
or TDD (804) 591-7418
FAX: (804) 591-7465
Julie M. Hewin, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Roanoke City Public Library
Outreach Services**

2607 Salem Turnpike
Roanoke, VA 24017
(703) 981-2648
Rebecca Cooper, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Special Services
Fairfax County Public Library**

2501 Sherwood Hall Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 660-6943 or TDD (703) 660-8524
FAX: (703) 768-6909
Jeanette A. Studley, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Special Services Division
Virginia Beach Public Library**

930 Independence Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
(804) 464-9175 or TDD (804) 464-9136
FAX: (804) 464-6741
Aleen Wicher, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Center
Staunton Public Library**

19 South Market Street
Staunton, VA 24401
(703) 885-6215
Oakley Pearson, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Service
Alexandria Library**

826 Slaters Lane
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 838-4298 or TDD (703) 838-4568
Patricia Bates, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Service
Arlington County Department of Libraries**

1015 North Quincy Street
Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 358-7125 or TDD (703) 358-6320
FAX: (703) 358-4454
Roxanne Barnes, Librarian

Subregional library.

Virginia State Library for the Visually and Physically Handicapped

1901 Roane Street
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 786-8016 or toll-free in Virginia (800) 552-7015 (voice/TDD)
FAX: (804) 371-6146
Mary Ruth Halapatz, Librarian

Type of Agency: State program of the Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped.

Mission: To provide free library service to all eligible print-handicapped individuals in Virginia.

Funded by: State general funds; federal grants.

Budget: \$567,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 14.

History/Date: Est. 1958.

Number of Clients Served: Average 8,000 statewide.

Eligibility: Blind, visually impaired, physically handicapped, or learning disabled not able to use conventional print; certification of disability required; Virginia residents only.

Area Served: Virginia.

Regional library supplying talking books, cassettes, large-print and braille books plus necessary equipment.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Recording for the Blind

1021 Millmont Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(804) 293-4797
Margaret R. Anderson

See Recording for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

RADIO READING

CenTex

P.O. Box 158
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(804) 229-8541
Jim Micklem, President

Hours of Operation: 24 hours daily, with locally produced programs Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-12:30 PM and 4:00 PM-11:00 PM; Sat. 7:00 AM-1:00 PM. All other hours, simulcast Cable News Network (CNN).

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: Tidewater portion of Virginia.

Hampton Roads Voice of the Print Handicapped

5200 Hampton Boulevard
Norfolk, VA 23508
(804) 489-9476
Peter Pine, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1961.
Area Served: Norfolk.

Valley Voice Radio Reading Service

WMRA-FM
 James Madison University
 Harrisonburg, VA 22807
 (703) 568-3811
 David Allen, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 6:00 AM-12:00 PM and 4:30 PM-
 11:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Area Served: 35-mile radius from
 Harrisonburg, including Staunton,
 Waynesboro, New Market, and
 Charlottesville.

Virginia Tech Radio Reading Service

4235 Electric Road, S.W.
 Roanoke, VA 24014
 (703) 857-8900
 Jeff LeVake, Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 7:15 AM-11:00 AM and 3:00 PM-
 11:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM;
 Sun. 1:00 PM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: 80-mile radius from
 Roanoke, southwestern Virginia.

Virginia Voice for the Print Handicapped

401 Azalea Avenue
 P.O. Box 15546
 Richmond, VA 23227
 (804) 266-2477
 Nick Morgan, Executive Director

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 7:15 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-
 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Area Served: Richmond
 metropolitan areas and, via
 network, Charlottesville,

Harrisonburg area, Norfolk area,
 Roanoke area, Yorktown area.

Voice of the Peninsula

2890 George Washington Highway
 P.O. Box 1469
 Yorktown, VA 23692
 (804) 898-0357
 Russell Henderson, Chairperson
 Marian L. Pierce, President

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 7:30 AM-10:00 PM; Sat.
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-
 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Area Served: 30-mile radius from
 Yorktown, Tidewater areas.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

American Optometric Association

1505 Prince Street, Suite 300
 Alexandria, VA 22314
 (703) 739-9200
 FAX: (703) 739-9497

See American Optometric
 Association in U.S. national
 listings.

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Virginia Affiliate

3820 Augusta Avenue
 Richmond, VA 23230
 (804) 355-0773
 FAX: (804) 355-3142
 Tim Gresham, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent
 Blindness in U.S. national listings.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Central Virginia Affiliate

9312 Huron Avenue
 Richmond, VA 23294
 (804) 270-2620
 John Trageser, President
 George P. Dolan, Treasurer

See RP Foundation Fighting
 Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Blind Bowling Association

American Diabetes Association National Center

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Better Vision Institute
 Vision Council of America**

**Council for Exceptional Children
 Opticians Association of America**

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped

397 Azalea Avenue
 Richmond, VA 23227-3697
 (804) 371-3140
 FAX: (804) 371-3351
 Donald L. Cox, Commissioner

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind,
 legally blind, visually impaired,
 and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Workshop sales;
 income from general funds; state
 and federal funds.

Budget: 1992-93: \$16,970,942.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully
 accessible.

Staff: 242 full time. Uses
 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1922.

Number of Clients Served:

Unduplicated count not available.

Eligibility: Legally blind or visually impaired.

Area Served: Statewide.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general and eye medical services. Provides eye surgery and/or eye treatment. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.

Educational: Accepts persons who are deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled if visually impaired or have other multiple disabilities and are capable of meeting educational requirements. Programs for college prep; adapted tests, materials, and equipment; sponsorship for college training.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.

Reading: Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand. Department's library also serves physically disabled persons.

Residential: Dormitories for elderly and other adults, and multiply disabled persons; on-site apartments for adults and elderly persons while in training at the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; social skills; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly persons; bowling; swimming; track; basketball; pool. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training; supported employment; vocational training.

Computer Training: Computer adaptive skills training at Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

Low Vision: Assessment of functional residual vision; evaluation for feasibility of specialized visual aids; prescription of spectacles or low vision aids or devices; provides specialized aids and follow-up training in use of aids and/or use of residual vision. Aids are distributed by in-house optical aids center. Low vision services are obtained by contacting regional offices.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Regional Offices:

Bristol Regional Office: 111 Commonwealth Avenue, Bristol, VA 24201, (703) 676-5457.

Fairfax Regional Office: 1150 Main Street, Suite 502, Fairfax, VA 22030, (703) 359-1100.

Norfolk Regional Office: Holiday Inn-Waterside Area-Downtown, 700 Monticello Avenue, Suite 403, Norfolk, VA 23510, (804) 683-8003.

Richmond Regional Office: 4915 Radford Avenue, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23230, (804) 367-0030.

Roanoke Regional Office: Commonwealth of Virginia Building, 210 Church Avenue, S.W., Room B50, Roanoke, VA 24011-1523, (703) 982-7122.

Waynesboro Regional Office: King Plaza West, 1320-R Ohio Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980, (703) 949-6178.

Local Offices:

Charlottesville: Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia Industries for the Blind, 1102 Monticello Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902, (804) 295-5168.

Richmond: Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia Industries for the Blind, 1535 High Street, Richmond, VA 23261, (804) 786-2056.

Special Sections:

Richmond: Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 401 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227, (804) 371-3151.

REHABILITATION

Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind

6400 Rigsby Road

Richmond, VA 23226

(804) 282-0813

Anne P. Diggs, Office Manager

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Membership fees and contributions.

History/Date: Est. 1919.

Health: Prescribes eyeglasses.

Recreational: Summer camp.

**Virginia Industries for the Blind
Virginia Department for the
Visually Handicapped**

1102 Monticello Road

Charlottesville, VA 22902

(804) 295-5168

FAX: (804) 977-0122

Robert W. Betler, Industry Manager

Type of Agency: Supported employment workshop for blind persons.

Mission: To provide training, work evaluations and employment for blind and visually impaired Virginians.

Funded by: Self-supported by sales revenues.

Budget: \$3,750,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 7:00 AM-5:30 PM; offices open Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 10 production and administration staff, 1 vocational coordinator.

History/Date: Est. 1922.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 65.

Eligibility: Eligibility determination made by Department for the Visually Handicapped Services Division.

Area Served: State of Virginia. One manufacturing facility located in Charlottesville and one in Richmond.

Age Requirements: Legal age to work.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Vocational counseling, training, evaluations.

Employment: Transitional and permanent.

Computer Training: Available.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Low Vision Follow-up: Available.

**Virginia Industries for the Blind
Virginia Department for the
Visually Handicapped**

1535 High Street

P.O. Box 27563

Richmond, VA 23220

(804) 786-2056 or (804) 786-2057

FAX: (804) 786-4582

Clifton L. Butler, Jr., Industry Manager

Mission: Provide a job program for blind and visually impaired persons.

Eligibility: Eligibility determination made by the Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped.

Area Served: State of Virginia.

**COMPUTER TRAINING
CENTERS**

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

401 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227

(804) 371-3151

FAX: (804) 371-3092

Dennis Garza, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

**◆ Low Vision
Services**

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Virginia Society of Ophthalmology

2821 Parham Road, Suite 102

Richmond, VA 23229

(804) 270-0330

David W. MacMillan, M.D.,
President

Virginia Optometric Association

Old City Hall, Suite 110

1001 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 643-0309

Bruce B. Keeney

LOW VISION CENTERS

**Virginia Department for the
Visually Handicapped**

397 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227-3697

(804) 371-3140

FAX: (804) 371-3351

Marge Owens, Coordinator

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provide an opportunity for all visually handicapped Virginians to maximize their visual abilities through community-based interdisciplinary low vision services.

Funded by: State, federal funds.

Budget: \$232,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 19 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1960.

Number of Clients Served: More than 1,000 annually.

Eligibility: Eye report.

Area Served: Virginia.

Low Vision: Available through local offices.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial.

Low Vision Follow-up: As needed.

For office locations, see Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services listings.

Virginia Optometric Center

210 North James Street
Ashland, VA 23005
(804) 270-2020 or (804) 287-4222
Robert M. Malatin, O.D., Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees (sliding scale); state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist;
ophthalmologist; low vision
specialists.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: None.

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

401 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
(804) 371-3151
FAX: (804) 371-3092
Lee Albright, O.D.
Gail Pearsall, Assistant Director

Type of Agency: Public residential rehabilitation center.

Mission: To provide an opportunity for all visually impaired Virginians to maximize their visual abilities through community and center-based interdisciplinary low vision services.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Friday twice a month, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, or as needed.

Staff: Low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; work evaluator; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Eligibility: Eye-care practitioner report.

Area Served: Virginia.

Age Requirements: 14 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Educational: Adult basic educational programs.

Residential: Y.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Recreational: Y.

Employment: Adjustment training and some job-site training.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies.

◆ **Aging Services**

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Virginia Department for the Aging

700 Centre, Tenth Floor
700 East Franklin Street
Richmond, VA 23219-2327
(804) 225-2271 or Information & Referral In State (800) 552-4464
Thelma Bland, Commissioner

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Virgin Islands Department of Education
State Office of Special Education
 44-46 Kongens Gade
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, VI 00802
 (809) 776-5802
 FAX: (809) 774-0817
 Priscilla Stridiron, State Director of Special Education
 Elsie Monsanto, Assistant State Director of Special Education
 Wanda Hamilton, State Coordinator, Early Childhood Special Education
 Carolyn Archer, District Director, Special Education Services, St. Thomas/St. John District
 Michael Samuel, District Director, Special Educational Services, St. Croix District

Mission: To provide all appropriate educational and related services to eligible students, ages 3-21.

Funded by: Virgin Islands government and federal funds.

Area Served: St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Provides special classes for totally blind students. Partially sighted children attend regular classes. Provides reader service for students 15 years and over who qualify.

For information about local facilities, consult the head of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Maternal and Child Health Care and Crippled Children Services
Virgin Islands Department of Health
 Knud Hansen Complex
 St. Thomas, VI 00802
 (809) 772-5895 or (809) 774-9000
 FAX: (809) 774-2820
 Olaf Hendricks, Assistant Commissioner
 Iselyne Hennessey, Early Childhood Director

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Virgin Islands Regional Library for the Visually and Physically Handicapped
 3012 Golden Rock
 Christiansted
 St. Croix, VI 00820
 (809) 772-2250
 Dorothy Bronstein, Regional Librarian

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 4.5 full time equivalents.

Number of Clients Served: 150.

Eligibility: As per National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large-type books, cassette tapes, talking book machines, cassette players, and home visits.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitation Services
Virgin Islands Department of Human Services
 Knud Hansen Complex, Building A
 1303 Hospital Ground
 St. Thomas, VI 00802
 (809) 774-0930
 Sadonie Halbert, Administrator of Disabilities

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Services to all disabled persons, including those who are blind or visually impaired.

Funded by: Federal and state funds.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and guidance and personal adjustment services available.

Rehabilitation: Physical and mental restoration; mobility training; independent living services; vocational and college training; Randolph-Sheppard program; special equipment training.

Employment: Supported employment services.

Local Offices:

St. Croix: Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Senior Citizens Affairs, P.O. Box 146, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820, (809) 773-2323.

St. Thomas: Division of Senior Citizens Affairs, Barbel Plaza South, St. Thomas, VI 00802, (809) 774-5763.

◆ *Aging Services*

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Senior Citizen Affairs

Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

19 Estate Diamond

Fredericksted

St. Croix, VI 00840

(809) 772-4950, ext. 46

Bernice Hall, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

WASHINGTON

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Division of Special Education Services

Old Capitol Building
Olympia, WA 98504
(206) 753-6733
FAX: (206) 586-0247
John Pearson, Assistant Superintendent
Douglas H. Gill, Director of Special Education

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides program material and services for visually impaired children through state and federal funds.

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Washington.

Age Requirements: Primarily serve persons aged 3 through 21 (or high school graduation); children aged 0-2 are also eligible.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

OSPI also funds the Special Education Materials Clearinghouse and Depository, a statewide project that serves blind and low vision students, and contributes support for Washington State Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness (which is partially federally supported).

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Birth to Six State Planning Project Washington Department of Social and Health Services

P.O. Box 45201
Olympia, WA 98504-5201
(206) 586-2810
FAX: (206) 664-0049
Sandy Loerch, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Lead agency for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part H).

SCHOOLS

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120
(206) 696-6630 or (206) 696-6321
FAX: (206) 737-2120
Dr. Dean O. Stenehjelm, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides specialized 24-hour quality educational services to visually impaired youths ages 3-21 within the state of Washington. A statewide demonstration and resource center, the school provides direct and indirect services to students both on campus and in each child's local community. Provides services to families, educators, and others interested in assisting visually impaired youths to become independent, contributing citizens.

Budget: 1991-93: \$6,627,848.

Hours of Operation: Office: 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 72 full time; 2 part time. Uses volunteers and foster grandparents.

History/Date: Est. 1886.

Number of Clients Served: 1986: 70.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or blind.

Area Served: Washington residents accepted without tuition. Students from other states or countries accepted on a tuition basis if space is available.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3 to 21 years.

Educational: Preschool through post-high school. College prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development. Major emphasis in community integration and intensive specialized skill development. All students enrolled with a 24-hour Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Individual Transition Plan (ITP). Summer school provided for students from local education areas (LEAs) from throughout the state of Washington who are not currently enrolled at the school. Emphasis on specialized skill training.

Residential: Five cottages and one independent living center. Major emphasis in the cottage program is placed on students developing skills that will lead toward independence.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; snow skiing, swimming, integration with community recreational sources.

Employment: Assistance for students in smooth transition to adult placement/careers.

Professional Training: Internship/student teaching in a wide variety of areas: classroom vision, orientation and mobility, special education-related services, and low vision. Regular in-service workshops for state and region.

Low Vision: Clinic funded by Lions Clubs. Provides comprehensive low vision evaluations at no charge. Clinic open two days a week during the school year.

Low Vision Aids: Depository funded by Lions Clubs. Lends low

vision aids after evaluation and training. Provides follow-up on low vision evaluation and use of low vision aids.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Provides consultative outreach services throughout the state. Also provides long-term contracted consultant services and contracted itinerant services.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120
(206) 696-6630
FAX: (206) 737-2120
Rod Humble, Outreach Services

Funded by: Public school budget.

History/Date: Outreach services; est. 1978.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Assessment: Assessment of needs in public schools, throughout state and more comprehensive assessments at School for the Blind.

Consultation to Public Schools:

Entire school and residential staff available to consult with local schools and families.

Direct Service: Provide direct service to five school districts within 60 miles of campus.

Parent Assistance: On request, visits with parents in their homes.

Professional Training: Summer institute for staff throughout the state who have no training with visually impaired children.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Clover Park School District

10903 Gravelly Lake Drive, S.W.

Tacoma, WA 98499
(206) 589-7404
FAX: (206) 589-7440
John D. Watson

Area Served: Washington State.

Groups Served: Blind or partially sighted persons; public and private schools.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille and large print.

Title Listings: Available on request.

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LIBRARIES

Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

821 Lenora Street
Seattle, WA 98129
(206) 464-6930 or toll-free in Washington (800) 542-0866 or TDD (206) 464-6930
FAX: (206) 464-0247
Jan Ames, Librarian
Phyllis Cairns, Machine Lending Information

Funded by: Public funds.

Area Served: Washington.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large type, cassette books, talking book records and cassette machines; offers braille and taping service. Limited aids and appliances available for demonstration and loan.

Has radio reading service (special programming for blind and physically disabled persons) in Seattle, Spokane and most of eastern Washington.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Father Palmer Memorial Braille Service, Inc.

1212 North Howard Street #111
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 325-1442
Harold T. Robinson, President

Groups Served: None specified.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Northwest Foundation for the Blind

5250 Rainier Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98118
(206) 722-7171
FAX: (206) 723-3998
Joan Sadler, Director

Area Served: State of Washington.

Groups Served: College students, other adults.

Types/Content: Recreational, career/vocational, civic.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Supplied in print and braille at no charge.

Seattle Area Braillists

13746 Corliss Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98133
(206) 362-3764
Jeanne Horsey, President

Area Served: State of Washington.

Groups Served: K-12; assignments from Washington State Special Education Materials Clearinghouse and Depository.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Available through the Special Education Materials Clearinghouse and Depository

(206) 589-7843 or toll-free in Washington (800) 562-4176.

Special Education Materials Clearinghouse and Depository

14721 Murray Street, S.W.
Tacoma, WA 98439
(206) 589-7843
FAX: (206) 589-7440
John Watson, Director

Area Served: Washington.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

University of Washington

448 Schmitz Hall, PB-07
Seattle, WA 98195
(206) 543-8924
FAX: (206) 543-2965
Judy Lonergan, Director

Groups Served: College students.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120
(206) 696-6321
Judi Sorter, Media Assistant

Area Served: Washington State.

Groups Served: 3-21 years, college students. Other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, general fiction, nonfiction.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

RADIO READING

Evergreen Radio Reading Service

821 Lenora Street
Seattle, WA 98129
(206) 464-6930
John Lyall, Manager

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-7:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1973 (Seattle), 1983 (Spokane), 1986 (eastern Washington).

Area Served: 50-mile radius from Seattle in western Washington; all major population centers in eastern Washington.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Puget Sound Affiliate

30351 Ninth Avenue South
Federal Way, WA 98003
(206) 946-1433
Gerald Purdy, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

521 East Legion Way
Mail Stop 0933
Olympia, WA 98504-0933
(206) 586-1224
FAX: (206) 586-7627
Shirley Smith, Director

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State and federal funding.

Budget: \$5 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: All offices accessible.

Staff: 70.

Number of Clients Served: 3,000 annually.

Area Served: Statewide.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Educational: Y.

Preschools: Y.

Rehabilitation: Independent living program; vocational rehabilitation.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Employment: Vocational counseling, training, placement. Business enterprise program.

Local Offices:

Seattle: 3411 South Alaska Street, Seattle, WA 98118, (206) 721-4422.

Spokane: West 55 Mission Street, Suite 3, Spokane, WA 99201, (509) 456-4458.

Tacoma: 10209 Bridgeport Way, S.W., Suite 1A, Tacoma, WA 98499, (206) 589-7226.

Vancouver: 500 West Eighth Street, Suite 18, Vancouver, WA 98660, (206) 696-6238.

Yakima: 1600 West Perry Building 1, Suite D, Yakima, WA 98902, (509) 575-2014.

REHABILITATION**American Lake Blind Rehabilitation Clinic
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

VA Medical Center
American Lake
Tacoma, WA 98493
(206) 582-8440, ext. 6203
FAX: (206) 582-8440
Mike Weatherly, Chief
Kent Wardell, Assistant Chief

Type of Agency: Federal.

Mission: Provides residential and rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted

9709 Third Avenue, N.E.
Suite 100
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 525-5556 or toll-free in Washington (800) 458-4888
FAX: (206) 525-0422
June W. Mansfield, President/CEO

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: United Way; contributions; bequests; used merchandise; solicitation; fees.

Budget: 1992: \$865,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 19 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1965.

Number of Clients Served: 1991: 32,000.

Eligibility: Legally blind, blind, visually impaired.

Area Served: King, Snohomish, and Skagit counties.

Health: Low vision clinic includes evaluation of functional vision; prescription of and training of low vision aids; trial loan of aids before purchase.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychological assessment; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community resources. Workshops, classes, support groups. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.

Educational: Resource information; community education programs; public service announcements; workshops; classes; vision screening. An established speakers' bureau provides information and education on blindness and low vision. Consultation about Americans with Disabilities Act.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work.

Reading: Volunteers available to assist at home with mail reading and shopping.

Rehabilitation: Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; activities of daily living services, personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; aids. Diabetes Vision Assistance Center; braille repair.

Employment: Refers for employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Refers for computer training.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Operates a "teaching store" where persons

purchase and learn to use varied equipment.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Operates a volunteer service to meet client requests for assistance; personal service including reading, shopping, walking, bill paying, and friendly visits.

Emil Fries Piano Hospital and Training Center

2510 East Evergreen Boulevard
Vancouver, WA 98662
(206) 693-1511

Kenneth D. Serviss, Executive Vice President and Manager

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Teaching men and women, primarily those with visual limitations, to be self-sufficient as piano tuner-technicians.

Funded by: Tuition, piano sales and service, donations.

Budget: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 8 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1949.

Eligibility: Totally or legally blind; high school graduate or equivalent.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Age Requirements: 18-50 years.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and group counseling.

Educational: Program for vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training program; short-term or summer training.

Reading: Talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and tapes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Tape recording services on request.

Residential: Off-site apartments and boarding homes.

Rehabilitation: Handwriting; typing.

Recreational: Refers and contracts for recreation services.

Employment: Occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Low Vision Aids: Vistek; braille writers.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Northwestern Region Office

2366 Eastlake Avenue East
Suite 209

Seattle, WA 98102-3366

(206) 324-9120 (voice and TDD)

Cathy Kirscher, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

Independent Living Center of Southwest Washington

4100 Plomondon Street
P.O. Box 2129

Vancouver, WA 98668-2129

(206) 693-8819

Morris Giesler, Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To encourage the growth toward independence of persons with physical, sensory, emotional, learning, and mental retardation disabilities.

Funded by: Grants, state performance contracts, donations, and fees for service (scholarships available).

Budget: \$165,897.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 5 full time. Extensive use of volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1980 as Coalition of Handicapped

Organizations. Name changed in 1992.

Number of Clients Served: 258 per month.

Eligibility: Any disability.

Area Served: Southwest Washington counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Skamania, Pacific, and Wahkiakum.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and support group services to assist with adjustment to disability available. Emphasis is on client achieving independent living.

Educational: Referrals only.

Reading: Resource library; readers services for blind clients; accessibility consultation.

Residential: Referrals only.

Rehabilitation: Referrals. Orientation and mobility training; specialized services for older blind persons; newsletters and bulletins.

Recreational: Referrals.

Employment: Referrals.

Computer Training: Adaptive equipment and training available for use.

Low Vision: Referrals.

Low Vision Aids: Some. Also referrals.

Low Vision Follow-up: Referrals.

The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

2501 Plum Street

P.O. Box C-14119

Seattle, WA 98114

(206) 322-4200 or TDD (206) 324-1388

FAX: (206) 329-3397

George Jacobson, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To be the premier manufacturer of products made by blind persons, offering a range of quality employment opportunities and services to people who are

blind, deaf-blind, and blind/multiply disabled.

Funded by: Workshop sales; contributions; fees.

Budget: 1992: \$13 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: Approximately 20 administrative. Approximately 24 rehabilitation/services. Manufacturing division employs about 250.

History/Date: Est. 1918.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 300.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Pacific Northwest, particularly Seattle metropolitan area.

Age Requirements: 21 years and over.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; interpreter training; in-service training when requested by schools, institutions, hospitals, group homes and other facilities.

Employment: Vocational evaluation; orientation/mobility training; independent living classes/services; work-related counseling; competitive placement services; supported employment services; specialized support services for deaf-blind persons, including interpreting department. On-the-job training; employment in manufacturing company; prevocational training for developmentally disabled.

Lilac Blind Foundation

North 1212 Howard

Spokane, WA 99201

(509) 328-9116

Nancy Domanico, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To provide services and training to blind persons.

Funded by: Private donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 8.

History/Date: Est. 1972.

Number of Clients Served: 800 clients served per year.

Eligibility: Visually impaired.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Olympia Educational Service District 114

105 National Avenue
Bremerton, WA 98312
(206) 479-0993
FAX: (206) 479-0998
Dan Kettwig, Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Special Education Technology Center

506 North Sprague
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 925-4828
Ann Black, Director
Barbaralyn Harden, Technology Specialist
Shirley Inveen, Technology Specialist

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical

character recognition systems; word processing; augmentative communication devices.

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120
(206) 696-6246
Bruce McClanahan, Instructor

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; (Apple II, Macintosh, and IBM).

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Washington State Academy of Ophthalmology

20700 Bond Road, N.E.
Polsbo, WA 98370
Franklin Chu, M.D.

Washington Association of Optometric Physicians

555 116th, N.E., #166
Bellevue, WA 98004
(206) 455-0874
FAX: (206) 646-9646
Judy Balzer, Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

Eye and Ear Clinic

600 Douglas Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-7143
T. A. Sorom, M.D., Chairman

Funded by: Client fees.

Eligibility: None.

Area Served: Central Washington.

Low Vision Aids: Available on a limited basis.

Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound

Eastside Medical Center
2701 156th Avenue, N.E.
Redmond, WA 98052
(206) 885-5331
John W. Barry, O.D., Optometrist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 10:50 AM-2:50 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist.

Eligibility: Health plan member; private patients also seen.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Phone interview in 1 month; return appointment in 6 months.

Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound

Central Hospital and Specialty Center
200 15th Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112
(206) 326-3133
Gregory L. Eisen, O.D., Optometrist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optician; ophthalmic assistant/technician; optometric assistant/technician; social worker; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.

Eligibility: Health plan member.

Area Served: King County and Northwestern Washington State.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment in 6 months.

**Harborview Medical Center
Low Vision Aid Clinic**

325 Ninth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 223-3225
Michael Lee, Director
Richard P. Mills, M.D.,
Ophthalmologist-in-Chief
Robbie Williams, Clinic
Receptionist

Funded by: Client fees; county and hospital funds.

Hours of Operation: First and third Friday, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; optician; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.

Eligibility: Professional or agency referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Visit to home, place of employment after 1 month.

**Lions Low Vision Clinic
Community Services for the Blind
and Partially Sighted**

9709 Third Avenue, N.E.
Suite 100
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 525-5556 or toll-free in
Washington (800) 458-4888
FAX: (206) 525-5556
June W. Mansfield, President/CEO
Mark Mahnke, Coordinator of
Rehabilitation Services

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees; United Way; donations; third-party payers.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: Optometrist; low vision rehabilitation specialist; mobility instructor; social worker.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: 300.

Eligibility: Low vision; ophthalmology report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision: Evaluation of functional vision; prescription and training in use of low vision aids.

Low Vision Aids: Trial loan of low vision aids before purchase.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

**Lions Low Vision Clinic of the
Inland Empire**

4001 Cook
Spokane, WA 99207
(509) 487-8160
Nancy Domanico, Director
Gene Teigen, O.D.,
Ophthalmologist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Staff: Optometrist; ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; optometry student/resident.

Eligibility: Referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment after 1 month.

**Washington State School for the
Blind**

2214 East 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120
(206) 696-6246
FAX: (206) 737-2120
Dr. Dean O. Stenehjelm,
Superintendent

Funded by: Lions State Sight Conservation Program; Lions Club International Foundation; and state.

Hours of Operation: 2 days per week during school year.

Number of Clients Served: More than 200 annually.

Eligibility: Visually impaired students; referred.

Area Served: Washington.

Professional Training: Serves as a training program for Pacific University School of Optometry.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment or school visit after 1 month.

Clinic provides examinations and assessments at no cost to the public. Summary reports include diagnosis, recommended aids, suggested additional therapy or further examination, as needed.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Aging and Adult Services Administration

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

P.O. Box 45050
Olympia, WA 98504-5050
(206) 586-3768 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 422-3263
Charles E. Reed, Assistant
Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

WEST VIRGINIA

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

West Virginia Department of Education

State Capitol Building
Building #6, Room B-304/1900
Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-2696

FAX: (304) 558-0048
Nancy Thabet, Director, Special Education
Dr. Michael Valentine,
Coordinator, Blind/Deaf-Blind

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Administers supplemental state funds provided for blind children in local schools. Provides counseling on the education of visually impaired children.

Funded by: Public funds.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible to all individuals with disabilities.

Number of Clients Served: 145 blind, or partially sighted students in public school programs; 65 blind students in state residential school for the blind.

Eligibility: State criteria; same as federal definition.

Area Served: State of West Virginia.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Educational: Y.

Preschools: Y.

Professional Training: Y.

Reading: Y.

Residential: Y.

Rehabilitation: By West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Office of Maternal and Child Health

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

1116 Quarier Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 558-3071

FAX: (304) 558-2183

Ginger Huffman, Part H Early Intervention Coordinator

Services include the following: audiology; service coordination; family training; counseling and home visits; health services; medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes; nursing; nutrition; physical therapy; psychological services; social work; special instruction; speech-language pathology; transportation; vision services; and assistive technology devices and technology services.

SCHOOLS

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-4800

FAX: (304) 822-3370

Max D. Carpenter, Superintendent
Thomas O. Workman, Principal,
School for the Blind

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: Full-time educational and residential staff.

History/Date: Est. 1870.

Eligibility: Visual or auditory impairment; West Virginia resident.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 5 to 23 years.

Health: Audiology therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic study; vocational/skill development.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books/braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille.

Residential: Residential services as well as other necessary support services are provided.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education.

Recreational: Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading; band; chorus. Refers for residential summer camp.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development. Refers for other employment services.

Computer Training: Training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-4800

FAX: (304) 822-3370

Max D. Carpenter, Superintendent
Thomas O. Workman, Principal,
School for the Blind

Type of Agency: Residential school and state agency.

Mission: Services for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: State funds.

Staff: 4 full time (early childhood teachers/teachers of visually impaired students); 9 part time (includes orientation/mobility specialist, physical therapist). Various therapists and specialists available as consultants.

History/Date: Est. 1870.

Number of Clients Served: 103.

Area Served: West Virginia.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth to 5 years.

Health: Genetic counseling; low vision exams; adaptive equipment; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Preschools: Home- and center-based programs, consultant services to other programs for visually impaired, hearing impaired, and multiply disabled infants, 0-2 years. Home teaching and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired, hearing impaired, and multiply disabled children, 3-5 years.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-4800

FAX: (304) 822-3370

Cheri Beverage, Outreach Specialist, Blind

Paul Athey, Outreach Specialist, Blind

Karen Cook, Outreach Specialist, Deaf

Funded by: State funds.

History/Date: Est. 1870.

Assessment: Educational assessment, psychological assessment.

Consultation to Public Schools: On request.

Direct Service: On request.

Parent Assistance: On request.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

West Virginia Instructional Resource Center

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street

Romney, WV 26757

(304) 822-4800

FAX: (304) 822-3370

Donna B. See, Director

Area Served: West Virginia.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks and other educational materials.

Media Formats: Large-print books. Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Brailers and other equipment are provided on a loan basis.

Instructional aids and supplies are also available.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped

Kanawha County Public Library

123 Capitol Street

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 343-4646, ext. 64

Mary Penn, Librarian

Subregional library.

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Cabell County Public Library

455 Ninth Street Plaza

Huntington, WV 25701

(304) 523-9451

FAX: (304) 522-4721

Suzanne L. Coldiron, Librarian

Subregional library.

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Ohio County Public Library

52 16th Street

Wheeling, WV 26003-3696
(304) 232-0244
FAX: (304) 232-6848
Eleanor Gibson, Librarian

Type of Agency: Subregional library of the West Virginia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Mission: To extend national services of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1983.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 240.

Eligibility: Print disabled.

Area Served: Wetzel, Brooke, Ohio, Hancock, Marshall counties.

Age Requirements: None.

Educational: Distributes newsletter, posters, catalogs.

Computer Training: Basic DOS training.

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library

3100 Emerson Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26104-2414
(304) 485-6564
FAX: (304) 485-6580
Mike Hickman, Librarian

Subregional library.

West Virginia Library Commission Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Science and Cultural Center
1900 Kanawha Boulevard
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-4061 or (304) 558-2041
or toll-free in West Virginia
(800) 642-8674
FAX: (304) 558-2044
Donna Calvert, Librarian
Todd Cook, Machine Lending Information

Type of Agency: Regional library.
Mission: To serve library needs of blind and physically handicapped state residents.

Funded by: State and federal governments.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:45 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 6.5 full-time equivalents.

Number of Clients Served: 4,000.

Eligibility: Persons who are certified by a professional to be unable to read regular print due to visual or physical limitations.

Area Served: State of West Virginia.

Regional library supplying large-print books and Talking Books on records and cassettes; operates radio reading service.

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-4800
Cynthia Johnson, Librarian

Subregional library.

RADIO READING

West Virginia Radio Reading Service

Science and Cultural Center
1900 Kanawha Boulevard
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-4061
Dave Lewis, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Area Served: Central and western West Virginia.

WJGF Radio Reading Service

301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-4838
George Park, Director

Hours of Operation: 24 hours.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Area Served: Romney.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Rehabilitation Services

West Virginia State Board of Rehabilitation

State Capitol Complex
P.O. Box 50890
Charleston, WV 25305-0890
(304) 766-4799
FAX: (304) 766-4671
John M. Panza, Director

Type of Agency: State; federal.

Mission: To enable West Virginians with disabilities to achieve independence and integration within the work place, the family, and the community.

Funded by: State funds; foundation grants.

Budget: \$45 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

Program Accessibility: Meets all criteria of Title I, II, and IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Staff: 7 full-time staff servicing visually impaired clients.

History/Date: Est. 1926.

Number of Clients Served: 1,456 blind and severely visually impaired clients.

Eligibility: Disability that is a handicap to employment.

Area Served: West Virginia.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Working age.

Health: Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription;

audiology therapy; general medical service; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

Educational: Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled, other multiply disabled persons. Programs for vocational/skill development.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for sheltered workshops.

Low Vision: Low vision service.

Local Offices:

Beckley: Division of Rehabilitation Services, Beckley District Office, 402 Bair Building, Beckley, WV 25801, (304) 256-6900.

Charleston: Division of Rehabilitation Services, Charleston District Office, 515 Central Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302, (304) 558-3408.

Clarksburg: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Clarksburg District Office, John Davis Government Building, 153 West Main Street, Suite 406, Clarksburg, WV 26301-2913, (304) 624-0300.

Huntington: Division of Rehabilitation Services, Huntington District Office, 200 Keith-Albee Office Building, 929 1/2 Fourth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701, (304) 528-5585.

Lewisburg: Division of Rehabilitation Services, Lewisburg District Office, 106 South Court Street, P.O. Box 426, Lewisburg, WV 24901, (304) 647-7515.

Martinsburg: Division of Rehabilitation Services, Martinsburg District Office, 1700 Edwin Miller Boulevard, Suite A, Martinsburg, WV 25401, (304) 267-0005.

Romney: Division of Rehabilitation Services, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney Branch Office, Box 943, Romney, WV 26757, (304) 822-3957.

Wheeling: Division of Rehabilitation Services, Wheeling District Office, Central Union Building, 14th & Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 238-1092.

REHABILITATION

Cabell-Wayne Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

910 Fourth Avenue, Room 300
P.O. Box 223

Huntington, WV 25707

(304) 522-6991

Ray M. Cazad, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide quality comprehensive rehabilitation services to blind and severely visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Teubert Foundation, investments, and contributions.

Staff: 9 full time, 2 part time, uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: Cabell and Wayne counties.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Case finding; assessment; peer counseling; information and referral.

Educational: Public information and education programs to schools, civic groups and media; participates in school and community vision screening programs.

Reading: Eyeglass assistance program; provides transcriptions to tape, large print and braille.

Rehabilitation: Independent living evaluation; personal management; activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; orientation and mobility; sensory development; training in the use of aids and appliances; services provided in the home and community as appropriate.

Recreational: Beep baseball; bowling; dancing; golf; hiking; parties and picnics; theater and concerts; and trips.

Computer Training: Access; use of computer aids and devices; some customized programming.

Low Vision Aids: Evaluation and prescription of low vision aids;

equipment loan and financial assistance programs.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Seeing Hand Association

737 Market Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-4810
Ethel Clare Elikan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private.

Funded by: Sub-contracts; sales; United Way; donations.

History/Date: Est. 1935 and Inc. 1944.

Rehabilitation: Braille; typing.

Recreational: Camping; bowling; sewing; cooking; social activities.

Employment: Sheltered workshops.

West Virginia Society for the Blind and Severely Disabled

1427 Lee Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 558-2373
David Maylor, (304) 558-2374

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To help blind persons secure gainful employment.

Funded by: Public funds, endowment, and fees for service.

Budget: \$5 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

Staff: 13.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served: 75.

Eligibility: Blind.

Area Served: West Virginia.

Age Requirements: 18 and over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Group work.

Professional Training: Training in food service management.

Employment: Vocational training; placement; vending stand and food service programs; follow-up.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Division of Rehabilitation Services

West Virginia State Board of Rehabilitation

State Capitol Complex
P.O. Box 50890
Charleston, WV 25305-0890
(304) 766-4600
Judy Reed, Project Director

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26757
(304) 822-4800
Kathleen Doyle

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology

Health Sciences Center, North
P.O. Box 6302

Morgantown, WV 26506
(304) 293-3757

Ivan R. Schwab, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer

West Virginia Optometric Association

815 Quarrier Street, Suite 415
Charleston, WV 25301-2616
(304) 345-4710

LOW VISION CENTERS

Low Vision Clinic

West Virginia University

Department of Ophthalmology

P.O. Box 6302
Health Sciences Center North
Morgantown, WV 26506-6302
(304) 293-3757
George W. Weinstein, M.D.,
Chairman, Department of
Ophthalmology, Coordinator of
Low Vision Clinic

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: State funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologists; low vision specialists; social workers; and psychologists.

Eligibility: Ophthalmology referral.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on loan for trial purposes.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return appointment as necessary.

West Virginia Rehabilitation Center

Low Vision Clinic

P.O. Box 1004
Institute, WV 25112-1004
(304) 766-4801
Sidney B. Boyce, Coordinator, Low Vision Clinic
Thomas E. Griffith, O.D., Low Vision Clinician

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Federal and state funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
optometrist; low vision specialist/
assistant; rehabilitation counselor;
audiologist; optician; social worker;
orientation/mobility instructor;
rehabilitation teacher; special
educator; occupational therapist;
psychologist/counselor.

Eligibility: Current
ophthalmological report; state
residence.

Area Served: West Virginia.

Low Vision Aids: Sometimes
provided on loan for trial; some
on-site training can be provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies
according to patient.

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Commission on Aging

Holly Gove, State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-3317 or Information &
Referral In State (800) 642-3671
David K. Brown, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Rehabilitation Services

West Virginia State Board of Rehabilitation

State Capitol Complex
P.O. Box 50890
Charleston, WV 25305-0890
(304) 766-4601
John M. Panza, Director
Judy Reed, Project Director,
(304) 766-4799

WISCONSIN

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Wisconsin Bureau for Exceptional Children

Division for Handicapped Children and Pupil Services

125 South Webster Street

P.O. Box 7841

Madison, WI 53707-7841

(608) 266-3522

FAX: (608) 267-1052

Juanita Pawlisch, Assistant Superintendent

Andrew Papineau, State Consultant, Visually Impaired
Jenny Lange, Early Childhood, Handicapped

Type of Agency: State, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Mission: Provides supervisory and consultation services to local educational agencies and private schools serving children with visual and dual sensory impairments. Administers supplemental state and federal funds for programs and services. Offers services in evaluation, consultation, low vision, and educational resources for preschool through high school students for multiply disabled students.

Funded by: Public funds.

Number of Clients Served: 980.

Eligibility: Exceptional educational needs.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Age Requirements: Birth-21 years.

Educational: 3-21 years.

Reading: Supplies braille, large-print books, tapes, and specialized equipment through the Educational

Services Center for the Visually Impaired.

Provides parents and local educational agencies consultation in services and referral.

Coordinates activities and services with the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired.

Provides supervisory and consultation services to local educational agencies serving visually impaired children.

Administers supplemental state and federal funds for programs and services. Offers evaluation services. Provides educational resources for preschool through high school and multiply handicapped visually impaired students. Supplies braille, large type books, tapes, and specialized equipment; training on computer aids and devices. Offers consultation and referral services.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Birth to Three Early Intervention Division of Community Services Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services

P.O. Box 7851

Madison, WI 53707-7851

(608) 267-3270

FAX: (608) 266-0036

Susan Robbins, Early Childhood Specialist

Referral and identification; evaluation and assessment; development of service plan for eligible children birth to 3 who have a diagnosed disability or meet developmental criteria; ongoing service coordination and provision of all services in service/plan; procedural safeguards for parents.

Division of Health

Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services

1414 East Washington Avenue
Room 96

Madison, WI 53703-3044

(608) 266-3822

FAX: (608) 267-3824

Mindy Schaffner, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Technical assistance.

SCHOOLS

Northcentral Technical College

1000 Campus Drive

Wausau, WI 54401

(715) 675-3331, ext. 231

FAX: (715) 675-9776

Dr. Donald Hagen, Director/President

Joe Mielczarek, Liaison, Program for Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Public.

Mission: Rehabilitation and education of blind and visually impaired people.

Funded by: College, state, private monies.

Budget: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Y.

Staff: 10 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 200.

Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; multidisabled blind.

Area Served: Primarily Wisconsin.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Functional low vision evaluation. Refers for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Career counseling; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.

Educational: One-year diploma programs. Two-year associate's degree programs. Certificates of competencies. Programs for adult continuing education. Vocational and skill development.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral to appropriate services.

Residential: Off-site apartments and dormitory.

Rehabilitation: Communicative typing; occupational typing; job-seeking skills; vocational low vision; Optacon evaluation; orientation/mobility; techniques of communications; foods; home management; grammatical skills; grooming; consumer education; signature writing; career exploration; access technology evaluation.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Low Vision: Complete evaluation.

Low Vision Aids: Many varieties available to evaluate.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Program for Visually Impaired Milwaukee Area Technical College

700 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-6838
FAX: (414) 271-2195
Chuck Kevil, Manager

Type of Agency: Public.

Hours of Operation: 7:45 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: 10 full time; 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1979.

Number of Clients Served: 100 annually.

Eligibility: Totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, or orthopedically handicapped disabled persons.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Health: Refers for health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; placement in school; training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

Educational: First and second year of college. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; vocational/skill development. Associate's degree.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Lends talking book cassettes; braille books. Talking book record players and cassette players; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; bowling; swimming; track; adapted

physical education for blind persons.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids and devices.

Wausau School District

415 Seymour Street
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 848-2934
FAX: (715) 848-1341
David Damgaard, Administrator,
Exceptional Education
Karen Schultz, Teacher of Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Public school.

Funded by: P.L. 94-142 monies, state funds, and local taxes.

Budget: 1992 (vision program): \$80,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:15 AM-3:00 PM.

Staff: 2 full time (teacher of visually impaired students, aide). 17 part time (social worker, psychologist, occupational and physical therapists). Specialists and therapists available as consultants. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Number of Clients Served: 8.

Eligibility: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements regarding visual impairment.

Area Served: Central and northern Wisconsin.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 3-21 years.

Health: Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling; financial assistance; other social services.

Educational: Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Orientation/mobility. Home teaching and resource room programs for visually impaired/multiply disabled persons, 3-21 years.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street

Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6100

FAX: (608) 758-6161

William S. Koehler, Superintendent
Roger Price, Education Director

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically handicapped.

Funded by: State and federal funds.

Staff: 95 full time, 25 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1849.

Eligibility: Wisconsin resident; visually impaired; school-age referrals must be through local school district.

Transportation: Y.

Health: Physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services, especially local school districts.

Educational: Grades K through 12. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development. Provides instructional materials and equipment to children throughout Wisconsin. Services to local school districts; Individualized Education Program (IEP) assistance.

Professional Training: Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Reading: Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; translation to braille; tape recording services on demand.

Residential: Dormitories.

Rehabilitation: Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education; transition training and vocational guidance.

Recreational: Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; wrestling; cross country skiing. Contracts for bowling.

Employment: Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job training and placement.

Low Vision: Low vision service; low vision aids.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Center for Blind and Visually Impaired Children

8500 West Capitol Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53222

(414) 464-3000

FAX: (414) 464-5693

Maxine Papermaster, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Donations from foundations, civic organizations, individuals. Insurance coverage and program service fees. United Way.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Staff: 15 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; multiply disabled.

Area Served: Greater Milwaukee and surrounding area.

Age Requirements: Birth-5 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Informational meetings, parent and family support group meetings.

Educational: Provides early intervention, including education and therapy. Center-based programs with home component and consultant services available.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street

Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6100

FAX: (608) 758-6161

William S. Koehler, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public residential school.

Staff: Includes administrators; teachers certified in visual impairment and early childhood and dually certified teachers;

various therapists; orientation/mobility and other specialists. Various therapists and specialists also available as consultants.

History/Date: Est. 1849.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based programs and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities, 0-5 years.

Program serves as resource to local education agencies statewide; numerous support and related services available through school system.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Andrew Papineau, State Consultant, Visually Impaired, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707 (608) 266-3522.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 758-6100
FAX: (608) 758-6161
William Anthony King,
Coordinator

Funded by: State and federal monies.

History/Date: Est. 1858.

Age Requirements: 6-21 years.

Assessment: Available on site.

Consultation to Public Schools: In-service training for teachers, parent education, preschool and early childhood conferences.

Materials Production: Produces braille and large-print textbooks. Statewide depository for American Printing House for the Blind materials.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Wisconsin Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 758-6146
FAX: (608) 758-6161
William Anthony King,
Coordinator

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Text books.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

813 West Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3045 or toll-free in Wisconsin (800) 242-8822 or TDD (414) 278-3062
FAX: (414) 278-2137
Marsha Valance, Regional Librarian

Type of Agency: Talking Book program.

Mission: To provide recreational reading to print-handicapped residents of Wisconsin.

Funded by: Public funds.

Budget: \$533,900.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:45 PM.

Staff: 14.

History/Date: Est. 1961.

Number of Clients Served: 8,000 individuals; 2,000 institutions.

Eligibility: Print-handicapped residents of Wisconsin.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Reading: Popular titles, levels preschool-adult.

Recreational: Books and magazines in braille and recorded forms; audiodescribed videos.

Computer Training: Special needs center, with Apple and IBM-PC, Arkenstone Reader and Adaptor.

Low Vision: Closed-circuit television to magnify text.

Regional library lending free books and magazines in braille and recorded on disk and cassette tape as well as the special equipment and accessories to utilize the recorded materials.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Green Bay Public Schools

200 South Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
(414) 448-2000
Carol H. Anderson, Resource Teacher for the Visually Impaired

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, tests, handouts.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Volunteer Services for the Visually Handicapped

814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3039
Linda Bell, Executive Director

Area Served: Primarily Wisconsin but requests are honored from across the country.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Wisconsin Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 758-6146
William Anthony King,
Coordinator

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

Title Listings: None specified.

RADIO READING

Education and Reading Service (EARS)

3520 30th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53142
(414) 552-9483
Kay Gregor, Coordinator

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:15 AM-12:00 noon, 4:45 PM-9:15 PM; Sat. 9:15 AM-12:15 PM; Sun. 9:10 AM-3:10 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: Racine and Kenosha counties.

INSIGHT/WYMS

P.O. Drawer 10K
Milwaukee, WI 53201
(414) 475-8389
Peter Zehren, News Director

Hours of Operation: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

(local program); 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, 12:00 PM-10:00 PM (national network).

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Wisconsin Radio Reading Service, Inc.

905 University Avenue, Suite 307
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 255-7730
H. Alton Davis, Project Director
Carol Sloan, Secretary

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-8:30 AM, 4:30 PM-12:00 midnight; Sat. 8:00 AM-12:00 noon, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM; Sun. 8:30 AM-12:00 noon, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

National Society to Prevent Blindness

Wisconsin Affiliate

759 North Milwaukee Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3745
(414) 765-0505
Jerry W. Knuth, Executive Director

See National Society to Prevent Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Volunteer Braillists and Tapists

Western Publishing Company

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Bureau for Sensory Disabilities Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

1 West Wilson Street
P.O. Box 7852
Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-5600
FAX: (608) 267-3657
John Conway, Director
Michael Nelipovich, Director,
Office for the Blind
Judy Norman-Nunnery, Vocational
Rehabilitation Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:45 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 43 full time.

Eligibility: Legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Individual counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts for some other counseling/social work services.

Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling and mobility.

Rehabilitation: Independent living; personal management; technology; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Contracts for remedial education.

Employment: Sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up; vending stand training; complete business enterprise program. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

Computer Training: Access statewide technology loan center.

REHABILITATION

Badger Association of the Blind

912 North Hawley Road
Milwaukee, WI 53213
(414) 258-9200
William Bertram, President
Donald Natzke, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

Funded by: Room and board fees; capital income; contributions; membership dues.

Budget: 1992: \$875,000.

Staff: 16 full time, 13 part time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1919.

Eligibility: Totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

Age Requirements: 18 years or older.

Residential: Operates a home for the adult blind.

Recreational: Activity center program providing social and recreational activities for adult blind.

Low Vision: Sales of appliances and low vision aids.

Volunteers in Visual Assistance (VIVA) program recruits volunteers to assist visually impaired persons throughout the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Focus for Newly Blind and Family

P.O. Box 17575
Milwaukee, WI 53217
(414) 964-6661
Gordon Haldiman, Co-director
Regina Potter, Co-director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Services to newly blind adult individuals and their families.

Funded by: Private contributions and donations.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Two 16-week sessions of counseling starting September and January, Saturday mornings.

Hotline services available.

Information and referrals. Speakers service.

Industries for the Blind, Inc.

3220 West Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-4319
FAX: (414) 933-4316
John Clark, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services to people who are totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; and blind with other disabilities.

Funded by: Workshop sales.

Budget: 1992: \$7.2 million.

Staff: 10 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served: 59.

Eligibility: Blind.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Age Requirements: Adults age 16 and older.

Employment: Job retention; job retraining; sheltered employment.

Sunrise Nursing Home for Blind

827 North 34th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-6977
FAX: (414) 933-9118
Michael J. Kern

Type of Agency: Non-profit; nursing home for aging and disabled persons.

Mission: To provide quality health care services with specialization in the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness, recognizing each person

as an individual with special physical and emotional needs.

Funded by: Residents, families, state and federal government, donations.

Budget: \$3 million.

Staff: 95.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Number of Clients Served: 99.

Eligibility: Blind; visually impaired. Aging sighted persons are also admitted.

Area Served: Primarily Milwaukee; entire state.

Health: Medical and therapeutic care administered by staff physicians.

Rehabilitation: Physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

Wisconsin Council of the Blind

354 West Main Street
Madison, WI 53703-3115
(608) 255-1166
Jack Malin, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Contributions from mail appeal campaign; royalties and endowment.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Eligibility: Blind; visually impaired.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Health: Subsidizes eye research projects; gives free white canes.

Educational: College and vocational school scholarships.

Reading: Subsidizes organizations engaged in production of reading materials for blind persons.

Residential: Operates low-interest business and home improvement loan program.

Rehabilitation: Distributes on a nonprofit basis special aids, appliances, and visual aids.

Recreational: Subsidizes recreational projects.

Employment: Grants to organizations engaged in promotion of the general welfare of blind persons. Low-interest business loans.

Low Vision: Evaluations available by appointment. Fee charged for services; financial support available for some clients. Follow-up visits by appointment.

Service officer available to investigate cases of alleged discrimination.

Wiscraft

Wisconsin Enterprises for the Blind

5316 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 778-5800
FAX: (414) 778-5805
John Baumgart, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Services for totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons.

Funded by: Production sales revenues; private donations.

Budget: \$5 million.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Staff: 13 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1903 as a state agency; converted to a private, non-profit organization in 1985.

Number of Clients Served: 1992: 75.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: Wisconsin; especially Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Age Requirements: 18 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Refers for counseling/social work services.

Rehabilitation: Sheltered employment. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

Recreational: Refers for recreation services.

Employment: Job retraining; sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment services.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Computers to Help People

1221 West Johnson Street
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 257-5917
Carl Durocher, Instructor/
Consultant
Kelly Ford, Instructor/Consultant

Computer Training: Screen magnification, speech-output systems, systems for computers.

Assessment, consultation, set-up, and familiarization training available for DOS, word processors, other off-the-shelf software, and low vision and blind-access strategies. Also provides a print-to-braille service.

Milwaukee Area Technical College

700 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-6838
FAX: (414) 271-2195
Chuck Kevil, Manager

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Northcentral Technical College

1000 Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 675-3331, ext. 231
FAX: (715) 675-9776
Joe Mielczarek, Liaison

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Technology Loan Center offers equipment available to rent.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 758-6100
FAX: (608) 758-6161
Margaret Wenzel, Teacher

Computer Training: Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology

2209 South Memorial Place
Sheboygan, WI 53081
(414) 459-8811
Jean H. Schott, M.D., President

Wisconsin Optometric Association, Inc.

5721 Odana Road
Madison, WI 53719
(608) 274-4322
FAX: (608) 274-8646
Charles B. Brownlow, O.D.,
Executive Director

LOW VISION CENTERS

**Curative Rehabilitation Center
Low Vision Clinic**

1000 North 92nd Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53226-4800
(414) 259-1414, ext. 208
Bruce Brown, M.D.
Madalyn Gross, Low Vision
Specialist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Client fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist; low vision
specialist; rehabilitation counselor;
occupational therapist.

Eligibility: Referral;
ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Limited.

**Low Vision Rehabilitation Service
University Station Clinics**

2880 University Avenue
P.O. Box 5902
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 263-7171
Stephen D. Kessler, O.D., Staff
Optometrist

Funded by: Client fees; state
funds; private donations.

Hours of Operation: 3 half days
per week.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
optometrist; optician.

Eligibility: Referral;
ophthalmologic report.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Health: Can provide ocular health
exams by clinic ophthalmologist.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial; on-site training
provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: 1-year
unlimited follow-up at no
additional charge.

**Programs for the Blind and
Visually Impaired**

**Wisconsin Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation Services for the
Blind**

5316 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 778-5809
Rodney Kossick, Low Vision and
Technology Specialist

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Funded by: Federal funds; state
funds.

Hours of Operation: 7:45 AM-
4:30 PM daily.

Eligibility: State residence.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Computer Training: Access;
training on computer aids and
devices.

Low Vision: Low vision
assessment; services of
orientation/mobility instructor
available.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial period at no charge.
On-site training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Varies
according to patient.

Veterans Administration Center

Wood, WI 53193
(414) 384-2000
Kenneth B. Simons, M.D., Chief,
Ophthalmology

Funded by: Federal funds.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: Ophthalmologist;
ophthalmology residents; social
worker; rehabilitation teacher;
rehabilitation counselor;
audiologist.

Eligibility: Blind or visually
impaired veterans.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial purposes; on-site
training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: By return
appointment after 1 and 2 months.

**Vision Rehabilitation Service
Wisconsin Council of the Blind**

354 West Main Street
Madison, WI 53703-3115
(608) 255-6178
Marshall Flax, Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-
profit.

Funded by: Client fees; private
donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Staff: Low vision therapist;
orientation and mobility specialist.

Eligibility: Eye report.

Area Served: Wisconsin.

Low Vision Aids: Provided on
loan for trial.

♦ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Bureau of Aging
Wisconsin Division of Community
Services**

217 South Hamilton Street
Suite 300
Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-2536
Donna McDowell, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies
on Aging and information on other
local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING
PROGRAMS****Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation****Wisconsin Department of Health
and Social Services**

1 West Wilson Street, Eighth Floor

P.O. Box 7852

Madison, WI 53707

(608) 266-2168

Judy Norman-Nunnery, Vocational
Rehabilitation Administrator

Michael Nelipovich, Project
Director, (608) 266-5600

Provides independent living
services for persons age 55 and
over. For further information,
contact the Project Director or
general phone number listed.

WYOMING

◆ Educational Services

STATE SERVICES

Services for the Visually Handicapped Wyoming Department of Education

2300 Capitol Avenue
Hathaway Building, Second Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0050
(307) 777-6202

FAX: (307) 777-6234

Diana J. Ohman, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jack Mueller, Director, Outreach Services

Type of Agency: State.

Mission: Provides educational services for all blind children in state, including local public school programs and out-of-state placements. Operates school sight-conservation programs; offers services to preschool blind children.

Funded by: State funds; P.L. 94-142 monies; and other sources.

Area Served: Wyoming.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: 0-adults.

Health: Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Parent and other counseling; other social services.

Educational: Provides instruction in developmental areas; orientation/mobility and other instruction.

Local Offices:

Casper: Services for Visually Handicapped, 539 South Payne Avenue, Casper, WY 82601, (307) 234-9741, Robert Jackson, Educational Consultant.

Cheyenne: Services for Visually Handicapped, Hathaway Building, Room 143/144, Cheyenne, WY 82002, (307) 777-7274, C. Kent Jensen, Consultant.

Rawlins: Services for Visually Handicapped, Carbon Building, Room 325, Rawlins, WY 82301, (307) 324-5333, Joanne Whitson, Educational Consultant.

Riverton: Services for Visually Handicapped, 205 North Fifth East, Riverton, WY 82501, (307) 856-5652, Ron Warpness, Consultant.

Sheridan: Services for Visually Handicapped, 2161 Coffeen Avenue, Sixth Floor, Sheridan, WY 82801, (307) 672-6129, Jerry Baker, Consultant.

Thermopolis: Services for Visually Handicapped, 342 Amoretti, Thermopolis, WY 82443, Paul Newman, Consultant, (307) 864-2392.

Consultant services to other programs and itinerant teaching programs for visually impaired children with or without other disabilities.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area. Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Wyoming Department of Health
2020 Capitol Avenue

Cheyenne, WY 88002
(307) 777-5246

FAX: (307) 777-6047

Kathy Emmons, Children's Program Manager

Early intervention services to children from birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities. Special education and related services for children with developmental disabilities from age 3 to 5.

◆ Information Services

TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

Services for the Visually Handicapped Wyoming Department of Education

2300 Capitol Avenue
Hathaway Building, Room 144
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0050
(307) 777-7274

Kent Jensen, Contact Person

Distributor of talking book machines.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness Wyoming Affiliate

1110 South Center Street
Casper, WY 82601
(307) 234-2534

Joseph Shickich, Contact Person

See RP Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

STATE SERVICES

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Wyoming Department of Employment
 1100 Herschler Building
 Cheyenne, WY 82002
 (307) 777-7385
 Gary W. Child, Administrator

Type of Agency: State.

Funded by: Public funds.

Staff: 70 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1920.

Eligibility: Physically or mentally disabled with vocational handicap.

Area Served: Wyoming.

Health: Diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling services.

Professional Training: Internships.

Employment: Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand business enterprise programs; follow-up.

Computer Training: Access; training on computer aids.

REHABILITATION

Montgomery Home for the Blind
Wyoming Pioneer Home
 141 Pioneer Home Drive
 Thermopolis, WY 82443
 (307) 864-3151
 Carol Ann Barham, Superintendent

Type of Agency: State residential facilities for Wyoming residents.

Funded by: Appropriated funds.

History/Date: Est. 1948.

Number of Clients Served: 114.

Eligibility: Retiree; ambulatory; resident of Wyoming.

Area Served: Wyoming.

Age Requirements: 55 years and older.

Reading: Large type and tape books; recorders and talking book machines.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Wyoming Optometric Association
 520 Randall Street
 Cheyenne, WY 82001
 (307) 632-8819

◆ Aging Services

STATE UNITS ON AGING

Commission on Aging
 Hathaway Building, Room 139
 Cheyenne, WY 82002-0710
 (307) 777-7986 or Information & Referral In State (800) 442-2766
 Morris Gardner, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Wyoming Department of Employment
 1100 Herschler Building
 Cheyenne, WY 82002
 (307) 777-7385
 Gary W. Child, Administrator
 Darlo Koldenhoven, Project Director, (307) 777-6841

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

CANADA

PROVINCIAL LISTINGS

ALBERTA

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Alberta Resource Centre Alberta Department of Education

6240 113th Street
Edmonton, AB T6H 3L2
(403) 422-6326
FAX: (403) 422-2039
Dr. Harvey Finnestad, Director

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Materials Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired-North Alberta Education (AEEM)

10053-111th Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 2H8
(403) 427-4681
FAX: (403) 427-6683
Kathryn Ribeiro

Type of Agency: Provincial government: educational.

Mission: Alberta Education, through the Materials Resource Centres for the Visually Impaired-North and South, loans special-format educational materials in braille, large print and audiotape, as well as specialized equipment and kits to Alberta schools or school jurisdictions for the use of visually impaired students in authorized educational programs, preschool through Grade 12.

Funded by: Alberta government.

Budget: 1992-93: \$574,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 11 full-time equivalents.

History/Date: Est. 1971.

Number of Clients Served: 335 registered visually impaired students in northern Alberta.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired students who have been assessed by educational consultants for the visually impaired.

Area Served: Northern Alberta, with interlibrary loan agreements with provincial resources center for the visually impaired across the country.

Age Requirements: Students, 19 years of age and younger. Students over 19 years of age as resources permit.

Educational: Supports authorized educational programs through the provision of special-format materials, kits, and equipment to visually impaired students and reading materials for professionals working with these students.

Preschools: Schools may borrow special-format materials, kits, and equipment for preschool children who are provincially funded and/or for whom individual program plans have been authorized by regional offices of education.

Reading: Loan and produce for loan special-format reading materials requested by schools and resources for professionals. Includes large-print books and talking books.

Recreational: Provide recreational reading materials in special formats.

Low Vision Aids: Aids include magnifiers, CCTVs, display processors, speech synthesizers, 4-track cassette records, and talking calculators available for loan.

Materials Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired-South Alberta Education (ACEM)

575-28th Street S.E., #15

Calgary, AB T2A 6X1
(403) 297-4378
FAX: (403) 297-4365
Colleen Tobman

Type of Agency: Provincial government: educational.

Mission: Alberta Education, through the Material Resource Centres for the Visually Impaired-North and South, loans special-format educational materials in braille, large-print and audiotape as well as specialized equipment and kits to Alberta schools or school jurisdictions for the use of visually impaired students in authorized educational programs, preschool through Grade 12.

Funded by: Alberta Department of Education (provincial government department).

Budget: 1992-93: \$521,590.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Number of Clients Served: 231.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired students, preschool through Grade 12.

Area Served: Southern Alberta.

Age Requirements: Students 19 years of age or younger. Students over 19 years of age as resources permit.

Educational: Support authorized educational programs through the provision of special-format materials, kits, and equipment to students and reading materials for professionals working with these students.

Preschools: Schools may borrow special-format materials, kits and equipment for preschool children who are provincially funded and/or for whom individual program plans have been authorized by regional offices of education.

Reading: Loan and produce for loan special-format reading materials requested by schools and

resources for professionals.

Includes large-print books and talking books.

Recreational: Loan special-format materials for recreational reading.

Low Vision Aids: Aids include magnifiers, CCTVs, display processors, speech synthesizers, 4-track cassette recorders, and talking calculators available for loan.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Edmonton Public Library

#7 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 2V4
(403) 423-2331

Type of Agency: Library access division.

Eligibility: Not restricted to legally blind persons.

Reading: Provides talking books and large print. Volunteers available for home visits.

Library Services

Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism

16214 114th Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5M 2Z5
(403) 427-2556
FAX: (403) 422-6519
Joseph Forsyth, Director

Type of Agency: Provincial service agency.

Mission: Provides talking book services to all eligible print handicapped persons in the province through public libraries.

Funded by: Province of Alberta.

Hours of Operation: Not open to public. Talking books distributed to public libraries in province for use by their eligible patrons.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Number of Clients Served:

3,000-4,000 registered patrons.

Eligibility: Visually or physically impaired; meets eligibility criteria; registered with local library.

Area Served: Province of Alberta.

RADIO READING

Calgary Radio for the Physically Handicapped

3003 MacLeod Trail S.W.
Calgary, AB T2G 2P8
(403) 261-0970
Derrick Harvey, Chairman

Programming provided by the VoicePrint reading service, Toronto, Ontario.

See also in national listings:

Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind

Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU)

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Federal/Provincial Arrangements Branch

Family and Social Services

10035-108th Street
Centre West Building, Seventh Floor
Edmonton, AB T5J 3E4
(403) 427-2628
Kelly Nolan, Manager, Support Services

Administers grant and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Alberta-Northwest Territories Division

12010 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 0P3
(403) 488-4871
FAX: (403) 482-0017
William J. McKeown, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Calgary: 15 Colonel Baker Place N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 4Z3, (403) 266-8831, FAX (403) 265-5029.

Edmonton: 12010 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 0P3, (403) 488-4871, FAX (403) 482-0017.

Edmonton: White Cane Foundation, 12010 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 0P3, (403) 488-4871.

Lethbridge: No. 206,542 - Seventh Street South, Lethbridge, AB T1J 2H1, (403) 327-1044, (403) 327-1044, FAX (403) 380-2672.

Yellowknife: 900 Northern United Place, 5004-54 Street, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2R6, (403) 873-2647, FAX (403) 873-8447.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Alberta Association of Optometrics

11830 Kingsway Avenue, #902
Edmonton, AB T5G 0X5
(403) 451-6824
R. Glenn Campbell, Executive Director

BRITISH COLUMBIA

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Special Education Branch

844 Courtney Street
Victoria, BC V8V 2M4
(604) 356-6679
FAX: (604) 356-7631
Monica McGarrigle, Assistant Director

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired Ministry of Education and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism and Human Rights

4196 West Fourth Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6R 4J9
(604) 660-1800 or TDD (604) 660-1807
FAX: (604) 660-1859
Fred Poon, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Government.

Mission: Provides alternate format materials and specialized equipment to school districts and independent schools enrolling eligible students with a visual impairment.

Funded by: Government.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 4 and 1 summer student worker.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served: 350 visually impaired; 1,341 print-handicapped.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired students; print handicapped students.

Alternate formats include braille books, large-print books, cassettes, electronic books, kits.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of British Columbia Educational Psychology and Special Education

Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4
(604) 822-5538
FAX: (604) 822-3302
Sally Rogow

Programs Offered: Programs offered: Master's degree in special education (education of children with blindness, visual impairment or visual/multiple disabilities). Graduate program for teachers of visually impaired children. Includes a component on orientation and mobility.

Students may qualify for certification in orientation and mobility. Advanced preparation in orientation and mobility offered (including mobility for young children and/or students with multiple disabilities).

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

British Columbia College and Institute Library Service for the Print Impaired

Vancouver Community College
Langara Campus Library
100 West 49th Avenue

Vancouver, BC V5Y 2X6
(604) 324-5237 or (604) 660-1155
or (604) 228-6111
Phyllis Mason

Talking books, braille, and large print provided to clients of all ages.

British Columbia Library Services to the Handicapped

Lower Mainland Office
L50-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7
(604) 660-7343
Jim Looney

Talking books provided to clients of all ages.

Charles Crane Memorial Library University of British Columbia

1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
(604) 822-6111
FAX: (604) 822-6113
Paul E. Thiele, Director

Type of Agency: University library; resource center.

Mission: To provide access to books, documents, and electronic information to students, faculty, staff, and distance users who require alternates to print.

Funded by: University of British Columbia, public support, revenue services.

Budget: \$300,000 annually.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; some evening and Sat. hours during fall and winter academic terms.

Staff: 4 full time, 7 part time. 120 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1968 as reading room. Became branch of University of British Columbia libraries 1969.

Number of Clients Served: 50-60 on campus; estimated 3-5,000 distance users nationally and internationally.

Eligibility: On-campus users: University of British Columbia

students, staff, and faculty medically certified to require print alternatives. Distance users served via interlibrary/interagency loans or via other clearinghouses.

Area Served: University of British Columbia, Canada, and international.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Primarily academic and career counseling, advice on financial assistance, assistive devices.

Reading: Assistance with braille and tape speed reading, retention, and efficiency.

Rehabilitation: Informal and peer group rehabilitation activities.

Computer Training: Training on information storage, retrieval, and management on adapted computers for visually impaired persons.

Low Vision Aids: Several assistive devices available.

Collection includes talking books, braille, large-print, computer disks, and regular print. Maintains sizeable reference collection, a variety of adaptive technical devices, and an 8-studio recording center.

Greater Vancouver Library Federation

Suite 110
6540 Bonsor Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5H 1H3
(604) 437-8441
Colleen Smith

Braille, talking books, and large print provided to clients of all ages.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Audiobook Program Province of British Columbia (BBLA) Library Services Branch

150-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7
(604) 660-7343
FAX: (604) 660-0435
Jim Looney

Area Served: British Columbia.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Media Formats: 2-track audio cassettes.

See also in national listings:

**Charles Crane Memorial Library
University of British Columbia**

I Can See Books

Ski for Light (Canada) Inc.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Community Support Services Division

Ministry of Social Services

614 Humboldt Street
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
(604) 387-1275
Paula Grant, Director

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

**Canadian National Institute for the Blind
British Columbia-Yukon Division**
350 East 36th Avenue

Vancouver, BC V5W 1C6
(604) 321-2311

FAX: (604) 321-6044

Mary Ann Roscoe, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Clearbrook: 2757 Allwood Street, Clearbrook, BC V2T 3S1, (604) 853-1915, FAX (604) 853-9459.

Cranbrook: 404-8th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 2L2, (604) 426-7797.

Fort St. John: 10408-105th Avenue, Fort St. John, BC V1J 2M8, (604) 785-9030.

Kamloops: 101-635 Victoria Street, Kamloops, BC V2C 2B3, (604) 374-8080.

Kelowna: St. Paul Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E6, (604) 763-1191, FAX (604) 763-7055.

Nanaimo: 225-285 Prideaux Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 2N2, (604) 753-0233.

Prince George: 100-490 Quebec Street, Prince George, BC V2L 5N5, (604) 563-1702, FAX (604) 562-0561.

Vancouver: 350 East 36th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5W 1C6, (604) 321-2311, FAX (604) 321-6044.

Victoria: 2340 Richmond Avenue, Victoria, BC V8R 4R9, (604) 595-1100, FAX (604) 595-1129.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

MANITOBA

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Special Materials Services Manitoba Department of Education (MWESM)

215-1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3
(204) 945-7840

FAX: (204) 945-7914

Judy Rannard, Coordinator of
Services for the Visually Impaired

Type of Agency: Provincial
Department of Education.

Mission: Provides special format
materials (braille, large-print and
audio tape) and special learning
equipment (brailers, CCTVs,
adaptive devices).

Funded by: Province of Manitoba.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Eligibility: Determined by
educational consultants employed
by the department.

Area Served: Manitoba.

Age Requirements: Student age.

Educational: Support materials
and consultant/itinerant teachers.

Low Vision: Functional vision
assessment.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Monitors the provision of
educational services to children and
youths with disabilities.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

Special Materials Services Manitoba Department of Education (MWESM)

215-1181 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3

(204) 945-7840

FAX: (204) 945-7914

Judy Rannard, Coordinator of
Services for the Visually Impaired

Area Served: Manitoba.

Groups Served: Blind and visually
impaired students.

Media Formats: Braille, large-
print, audiotope.

◆ Information Services

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Manitoba Sport and Recreation Association for the Blind

200 Main Street

Winnipeg, MB R3C 4M2

(204) 985-4054

FAX: (204) 985-4223

Michelle Wort

Mission: Provides opportunities
for recreation and participation in
sports activities for blind and
visually impaired persons in the
province of Manitoba.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Community Living and Vocational Rehabilitation Family Services

114 Garry Street, Main Floor

Winnipeg, MB R3J 2T3

(204) 945-0172

Gerry Clement, Executive Director

Administers grants and
contributions program to help fund
services and integration efforts for
blind and visually impaired and
other disabled persons.

Policy and Planning

Family Services

125 Garry Street, Room 470

Winnipeg, MB R3C 3P2

(204) 945-2324

Martin Billinkoff, Executive
Director

Administers grants and
contributions program to help fund
services and integration efforts for
blind and visually impaired and
other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Manitoba Division

1080 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3G 3M3

(204) 774-5421

FAX: (204) 775-5090

G. Dean Cousens, Executive
Director

Local Offices:

Brandon: 354 Tenth Street,
Brandon, MB R7A 4G1, (204) 727-
0631, FAX (204) 727-1139.

Winnipeg: 1080 Portage Avenue,
Winnipeg, MB R3G 3M3,
(204) 774-5421, FAX (204) 775-
5090.

See Canadian National Institute for
the Blind, National Office, in
Canadian national listings.

◆ Low Vision Services

EYE CARE SOCIETIES

Manitoba Optometric Society

878-167 Lombard Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3B 0V3

(204) 943-9811

Carol Loyd, Executive Director

NEW BRUNSWICK

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

P.O. Box 578, Suite 422
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9
(902) 424-7765

Arnold Jones, Superintendent
P. Ann MacCuspie, Coordinator of
Provincial Services Resource
Centre

Interprovincial agency responsible
for services to visually impaired
and hearing impaired children and
youths in Atlantic Canada.

Student Services Branch

Kings Place
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1
(902) 453-2816
Alex Dingwall, Director

Monitors the provision of
educational services to children and
youths with disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

New Brunswick Library Service Department of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage

P.O. Box 12345
Fredericton, NB E3B 5C3
(506) 453-2354
FAX: (506) 453-2416
Jocelyne LeBel, Director

York Regional Library

4 Carleton Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 5P4
(506) 453-5380
Lorette Mackey
Ella Fairley

Talking books provided for clients
of all ages.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Family and Community Social Services

New Brunswick Department of Health and Community Services

P.O. Box 5100
Fredericton, NB E3B 5G8
(506) 453-2181
Gérard Doucet, Assistant Deputy
Minister

Administers grants and
contributions program to help fund
services and integration efforts for
blind and visually impaired and
other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

New Brunswick Division

231 Saunders Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1N6
(506) 458-0060
FAX: (506) 458-9219
Penny Hartin, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Bathurst: 700 St. Peter Avenue,
Bathurst, NB E2A 2Y7, (506) 546-
9922, FAX (506) 546-8708.

Edmunston: 55 Emmerson Street,
P.O. Box 550, Edmunston, NB E3V
3L2, (506) 739-9533, FAX
(506) 739-5619.

Moncton: 118 Highfield Street,
Moncton, NB E1C 5N7, (506) 857-
4240, FAX (506) 857-3019.

Newcastle: 350 Morrison Lane,
Newcastle, NB E1V 2C1,
(506) 622-1513.

Saint John: 33 Beaverbrook
Avenue, Saint John, NB E2K 2W2,
(506) 634-7277, FAX (506) 634-
7202.

See Canadian National Institute for
the Blind, National Office, in
Canadian national listings.

NEWFOUND- LAND

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

P.O. Box 578, Suite 422

Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

(902) 424-7765

Arnold Jones, Superintendent

P. Ann MacCuspie, Coordinator of
Provincial Services Resource
Centre

Interprovincial agency responsible
for services to visually impaired
and hearing impaired children and
youths in Atlantic Canada.

Student Support Services Department of Education

P.O. Box 8700

St. John's, NF A1B 4J6

(709) 729-3023

Ed Mackey, Director

Monitors the provision of
educational services to children and
youths with disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Newfoundland Public Libraries Board

Arts and Culture Centre

Allandale Road

St. John's, NF A1B 3A3

(709) 737-3964

FAX: (709) 737-3009

Pearce J. Penney, Chief Librarian

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Developmental and Rehabilitation Services

Department of Social Services, Province of Newfoundland

Confederation Building

St. John's, NF A1B 4J6

(709) 729-3550

Gary Burt, Assistant Director

Administers grants and
contributions program to help fund
services and integration efforts for
blind and visually impaired and
other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Newfoundland and Labrador Division

70 The Boulevard

St. John's, NF A1A 1K2

(709) 754-1180

FAX: (709) 754-2018

Elizabeth Hamilton, Executive
Director

Local Offices:

Corner Brook: 169 West Valley
Road, Corner Brook, NF A2H 2Y3,
(709) 639-9167.

Grand Falls: 1A O'Neill Avenue,
P.O. Box 442, Grand Falls, NF A2A
2J8, (709) 489-6515.

St. John's: 70 The Boulevard, St.
John's, NF A1A 1K2, (709) 754-
1180.

See Canadian National Institute for
the Blind, National Office, in
Canadian national listings.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Culture and Employment Programs

Department of Education, Northwest Territories

P.O. Box 1320

Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

(403) 873-7529

Barbara Hall, Director, Special Programs

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Public Library Services

Culture and Communications Government of the Northwest Territories

P.O. Box 1100

Hay River, NT X0E 0R0

(403) 874-6531

FAX: (403) 874-3321

Ronald MacKenzie, Director

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Seniors and Disabled Persons Department of Social Services, Government of the Northwest Territories

P.O. Box 1320

Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

(403) 920-3485

Ron MacLellan, Director of
Community and Family Support
Services

Shirley Heslip, Coordinator

Administers grants and
contributions program to help fund
services and integration efforts for
blind and visually impaired and
other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Alberta-Northwest Territories Division

12010 Jasper Avenue

Edmonton, AB T5K 0P3

(403) 488-4871

FAX: (403) 482-0017

William J. McKeown, Executive
Director

See Canadian National Institute for
the Blind, Alberta-Northwest
Territories Division, in Alberta
provincial listings.

NOVA SCOTIA

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

P.O. Box 578, Suite 422

Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

(902) 424-7765

Arnold Jones, Superintendent

P. Ann MacCuspie, Coordinator of
Provincial Services Resource
Centre

Interprovincial agency responsible
for services to visually impaired
and hearing impaired children and
youths in Atlantic Canada.

Special Services Division Department of Education

P.O. Box 578

Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

(902) 424-5839

Ann Power

Monitors the provision of
educational services to children and
youths with disabilities.

SCHOOLS

Sir Frederick Fraser School Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

Resource Centre for the Visually
Impaired

5940 South Street

Halifax, NS B3H 1S6

(902) 424-8500

FAX: (902) 424-0543

Daniel S. Harmer, Director

P. Ann MacCuspie, Coordinator of
Provincial Services Resource
Centre

Type of Agency: Resource center
and school.

Mission: Services for persons who
are totally blind, legally blind,
visually impaired, and those having
additional disabilities, provided in
their home, community school, or
in a residential school setting.

Funded by: Atlantic provinces
(New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,
Newfoundland, and Prince Edward
Island).

Staff: On campus: 21 teachers; 37
residence; 10 resource services and
braille production; 27 other. Off
campus: 29 itinerant teachers.

History/Date: Est. 1870 as Halifax
School for the Blind; est. 1975 as
APSEA Resource Center for the
Visually Impaired.

Number of Clients Served: On
campus: 35. Off campus: 450 direct
service plus resources; 370
resources only.

Eligibility: Visually impaired,
from birth to 21 years of age,
resident of Atlantic Canada. Visual
acuity 20/70 or less with best
correction or 20 degrees or less field
restriction.

Area Served: Atlantic provinces in
Canada.

Age Requirements: 0-21 years.

Health: Diagnosis, evaluation,
medical care of eyes; general
medical services; physical therapy;
speech therapy; specialist medical
services provided by local
hospitals.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-
Help:** Individual counseling;
family counseling; psychological
services; transition services; school
placement.

Educational: On campus:
preschool through 9th grade;
general academic; prevocational/
skill development; short-term
placements. Off campus: itinerant
service to public school programs.

Preschools: Home visits; limited
support for children enrolled in
preschool programs.

Professional Training: Student
teaching in special education;
internship/fieldwork placements in
orientation and mobility/
classrooms/residence. Regular in-
service training.

Reading: Braille books and
magazines; large-print books;
talking book cassettes; video tapes;
professional library; transcription
to braille; tape recording.

Residential: Apartments.

Rehabilitation: Daily living skills
training; braille; electronic aids;
technological aids; remedial
education; sensory training,
orientation and mobility;
counseling.

Recreational: Afterschool
programs; arts and crafts; music;
bowling; goal ball; swimming; all
recreational programs available in
community.

Employment: Limited student
employment opportunities.

Computer Training: On- and
off-campus training provided.

Low Vision Follow-up:
Educational vision assessments and
training in the use of low vision
aids.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Nova Scotia Provincial Library

3770 Kempt Road

Halifax, NS B3K 4X8

(902) 424-2457

FAX: (902) 424-0633

Marian Pape, Provincial Librarian
Ann Dunsworth, (902) 424-2473

Type of Agency: Public library.

Mission: To provide accessible reading material to Nova Scotia residents.

Funded by: Provincial government.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Area Served: Province of Nova Scotia; Canada and other countries through inter-library loan.

For more information about regional public libraries in Nova Scotia, contact the address above.

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Ferguson Library for Print Handicapped Students

c/o Patrick Power Library
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, NS B3C 3C3
(902) 420-5553
FAX: (902) 420-5561

Groups Served: Postsecondary students and professionals.

Media Formats: Audiotape.

Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

Sir Frederick Fraser School
5940 South Street
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6
(902) 429-9400
Francis Drake, Coordinator of Resource Services

Area Served: Atlantic provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island).

Groups Served: Totally blind and low vision students aged 0-21.

Media Formats: Braille, large-print, tape.

See also in national listings:

Canadian Braille Authority (CBA)

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Policy, Planning and Research Division

Department of Social Services, Province of Nova Scotia

Johnston Building, Third Floor
P.O. Box 696
Halifax, NS B3J 2T7
(902) 424-4039
Shulamith Medjuck, Research and Planning Officer

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island Division

6136 Almon Street
Halifax, NS B3K 1T8
(Mailing: P.O. Box 8130, Halifax, NS B3K 5L9)
(902) 453-1480
FAX: (902) 454-6570
Guy M. Woodland, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Charlottetown: 284 Grafton Street, Charlottetown, PE C1A 1L7, (902) 566-2580.

Halifax: 6136 Almon Street, Halifax, NS B3K 1T8, (902) 453-1480.

Sydney: 189 Townsend Street, Sydney, NS B1P 6H2, (902) 564-5711.

Truro: 35 Commercial Street, Suite 316, Truro, NS B2N 3H8, (902) 893-9546.

Yarmouth: 36 John Street, P.O. Box 494, Yarmouth, NS B5A 4B4, (902) 742-2046.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

ONTARIO

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Special Education Branch Ministry of Education

900 Bay Street
17th Floor-Mowat Block
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2
(416) 325-2929

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

SCHOOLS

Hollywood Public School

360 Hollywood Avenue
North York, ON M2N 3L4
(416) 395-2560
FAX: (416) 395-4485
Catherine Doherty, Primary Teacher
Brian Smith, Teacher, Junior Grades

Type of Agency: Public school program.

Mission: To provide braille instruction on a daily basis to young visually impaired children (ages 4-11) within an integrated classroom setting.

Funded by: Metropolitan Toronto.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-3:15 PM.

Staff: 2 teachers of the blind, 1 orientation/mobility specialist. 2 braillists/classroom assistants.

History/Date: Est. 1977.

Number of Clients Served: 8-12.

Eligibility: Potential braille-using students from senior kindergarten to grade 5.

Area Served: Metropolitan Toronto.

Age Requirements: 4-11 years.

Educational: Senior kindergarten to grade 5.

W. Ross Macdonald School

350 Brant Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9
(519) 759-0730
FAX: (519) 759-4741
David Neill, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Public, residential school.

Mission: School programs, grades 1 to 12, for visually impaired and deaf-blind students. Resource services to local school boards in Ontario.

Funded by: Ontario Ministry of Education.

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

Staff: 67.5 teachers; 135 other staff.

History/Date: Est. 1872.

Number of Clients Served: 185 blind pupils; 36 deaf-blind pupils.

Eligibility: Resident of Ontario.

Age Requirements: School age.

Professional Training: Responsible for teacher education in Ontario.

Houses the Provincial Resource Centre, which distributes large-print and braille educational books, provides consultant services to educators in local school board programs, and is designated as an assessment and loan center for high technology communication equipment, including computers.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

High Park Forest School

P.O. Box 1116
Station D
Toronto, ON M6P 3K2
(416) 767-5977
Norma Kelly, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Services to blind and visually impaired children.

Funded by: Provincial government and donations.

Age Requirements: 2-6 years.

Educational: Assessment and evaluations; activities in all areas.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and support for parents.

Ontario Foundation for Visually Impaired Children Inc.

Box 1116, Station D
Toronto, ON M6P 3K2
(416) 767-5977
Norma Kelly

Mission: To provide infant development and preschool services.

Area Served: Halton-Peel, Simcoe York, and Durham regions; metropolitan Toronto.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

W. Ross Macdonald School Resource Services Library

350 Brant Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9
(519) 759-0730
David Neill, Superintendent

Groups Served: Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools.

Media Formats: Large print, braille, tape.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology

Brant Campuses
411 Elgin Street

Brantford, ON N3T 5V2
(519) 759-7200
FAX: (519) 758-6043
Erika Auer, Chair
Sandy Sainsbury, Co-ordinator

Programs for orientation and mobility instructors and rehabilitation teachers.

◆ Information Services

MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

Access 20/20

29 Indian Road
Nepean, ON K2G 1N7
(613) 727-9508

Media Formats: Braille, large-type, computer diskettes, and braille business cards at a reasonable cost.

Computer Braille Facility
University of Western Ontario
H0 45 Health Sciences Addition
London, ON N6A 5C1
(519) 661-3061, ext. 6841
Kirk Reiser, Manager

Area Served: Ontario.

Groups Served: Postsecondary students.

Types/Content: Textbooks, foreign language books, technical manuals, mathematical materials.
Media Formats: Braille.

Ontario Audio Library Service
Trent University
P.O. Box 4800
Peterborough, ON K9J 7B8
(705) 748-1240 or (705) 748-1383
Lorna Hilborn, Executive Director

Area Served: Primarily Ontario; all of Canada.

Groups Served: Print disabled postsecondary students.

Media Formats: Four-track audio tape.

Talking Book Services
Audio Visual Services
Metropolitan Toronto Library Board

789 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4W 2G8

Area Served: City of Toronto.

Media Formats: Books on audiotape.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Organization for the Education of the Visually Handicapped (OEVIH)
350 Brant Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9
(519) 759-0730

Mission: Network of educators that strives to enhance professional activities and relationships among persons working with blind and visually impaired students and children in the province of Ontario.

See also in national listings:

Blind Organization of Ontario with Selfhelp Tactics (BOOST)

Buckley's Braille and Large Print Service

Canadian Association of Optometrists

Canadian Blind Sports Association

Canadian Council of the Blind

Canadian Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association

Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Department of Government Relations and International Services

Canadian National Institute for the Blind
National Office

Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

Christian Blind Mission International

Christian Record Services

John Milton Society for the Blind in Canada

Library for the Blind
Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Low Vision Association of Ontario

PAL Reading Services

People Helping People

Retinitis Pigmentosa Eye Research Foundation

VIEWS for the Visually Impaired

VoicePrint
The National Broadcast Reading Service, Inc.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Community Services Branch
Ministry of Community and Social Services

Hepburn Block, 80 Governor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1E9
(416) 327-4953

Judi Richter Jacobs, Director
Ann Szyptur, Manager, Policy Development Unit, (416) 327-4960

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION**Balance**

4920 Dundas Street West
Suite 302
Etobicoke, ON M9A 1B7
(416) 236-1796
Sue Archibald, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides a community-based program to enhance independent living skills to visually impaired adults, while they are living in their own home.

Funded by: Ministry of Community and Social Services, Government of Canada.

Budget: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

Staff: 9 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1986.

Number of Clients Served: 48 to date.

Eligibility: 18 years or over, legally blind, living in metropolitan Toronto, motivated to learn independent living skills.

Area Served: Metropolitan Toronto.

Age Requirements: 18 or over.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Will provide support to our participants to use community services.

Educational: Refers for educational courses.

Rehabilitation: Teaches orientation and mobility, daily living skills, community access and awareness, and life skills.

Recreational: Referrals.

Employment: Referrals.

Computer Training: Referrals.

Low Vision: Referrals.

Low Vision Aids: Referrals.

Low Vision Follow-up: Referrals.

**Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Ontario Division**

1929 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8
(416) 486-2500
FAX: (416) 480-7503
Gary W. Magarrell, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Barrie: 49 Mary Street, Barrie, ON L4N 1T2, (705) 728-3352, FAX (705) 722-5305.

Belleville: 11 Victoria Avenue, Belleville, ON K8N 1Z6, (613) 966-8833, FAX (613) 966-2731.

Brantford: 67 King Street, Brantford, ON N3T 5M8, (519) 752-6831, (519) 752-5271, FAX (519) 752-4920.

Cornwall: 222 Pitt Street, Cornwall, ON K6J 3P6, (613) 936-2300, FAX (613) 936-2296.

Hamilton: 1686 Main Street, Hamilton, ON L8S 1G4, (416) 528-8555 Voice/TDD, FAX (416) 527-9536.

Kingston: 826 Princess Street, Kingston, ON K7L 1G3, (613) 542-4975, FAX (613) 542-8639.

London: Oxford Street West, Suite 101, London, ON N6H 1S5, (519) 434-8413 Voice/TDD, FAX (519) 434-6507.

Mississauga: (Halton-Peel) 3034 Palstan Road, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2Z6, (416) 275-5332, FAX (416) 275-7710.

North Bay: (York-Durham) 480 Fisher Street, North Bay, ON P1B 9M9, (705) 472-2710, FAX (705) 472-7269.

Oshawa: 81 King Street East, Oshawa, ON L1H 1B4, (416) 436-7732, FAX (416) 436-1202.

Ottawa: 320 McLeod Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 1A3, (613) 563-4021 Voice/TDD, FAX (613) 563-1898.

Owen Sound: 895 Third Avenue, East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2K6, (519) 371-2721, FAX (519) 371-2741.

Pembroke (North Renfrew): 140 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke (North Renfrew), ON K8A 5M8, (613) 735-1921, FAX (613) 735-7010.

Peterborough: 236 King Street, Peterborough, ON K9J 7L8, (705) 745-6918, FAX (705) 745-9899.

Richmond Hill: 10067 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 1T7, (416) 508-5505, FAX (416) 508-5507.

St. Catharines: 63 Church Street, Suite 309, St. Catharines, ON L2R 3C4, (416) 688-0022, FAX (416) 688-9674.

Sault Ste. Marie: 763 Wellington Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2M9, (705) 949-2610, FAX (705) 949-2291.

Scarborough: 2555 Eglinton Avenue East, Scarborough, ON M1K 5J1, (416) 266-3189, FAX (416) 266-3193.

Sudbury: 303 York Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 2A5, (705) 675-2468, FAX (705) 675-6635.

Thunder Bay: 229 Camelot Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7A 4B2, (807) 345-3341, FAX (807) 345-0786.

Timmins: 303 Fifth Avenue, Timmins, ON P4N 5L5, (705) 264-2312, FAX (705) 264-9851.

Toronto: 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M4G 3E8, (416) 486-2500 Voice/TDD, (416) 480-7417, FAX (416) 480-7503.

Toronto (East York): 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto (East York), ON M4G 3E8, (416) 480-7426, FAX (416) 480-7503.

Toronto (Etobicoke/York): 2991 Bloor Street West, Toronto (Etobicoke/York), ON M8X 1C3, (416) 234-9795, (416) 234-9796, FAX (416) 234-8018.

Toronto (North/York): 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto (North/York), ON M4G 3E8, (416) 480-7569, FAX (416) 480-7699.

Waterloo: 160-180 King Street South, Suite 160, Waterloo, ON N2J 1P8, (519) 742-3536, FAX (519) 742-4003.

Windsor: 230 Strabane Avenue, Windsor, ON N8Y 4V2, (519) 945-2321, FAX (519) 945-9417.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

Eligibility: Registered blind. All clients are interviewed in their home prior to acceptance for training.

Area Served: Canada.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Minimum 16 years of age.

Educational: Classes are held with 8 students and 2 or 3 staff members. All clients receive immediate postclass and routine follow-up, with a minimum of one visit per year.

Vision Institute

815 Danforth Avenue
Suite 301
Toronto, ON M4J 1L2
(416) 461-6222

Area Served: Toronto and surrounding area.

Low Vision: Comprehensive services.

Low Vision Aids: Recommends optical and nonoptical aids.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

Frontier Computing

250 Davisville Avenue
Suite 205
Toronto, ON M4S 1H2
(416) 489-6690

Provides consultation, sales, set-up, and training on access technology as well as a braille transcription service.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind

4120 Rideau Valley Drive North
P.O. Box 280
Manotick, ON K4M 1A3
(613) 692-7777
FAX: (613) 692-0650
W.S. Thornton, President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Funded by: Voluntary contributions from corporations, private individuals, service clubs, and special events.

Budget: \$1 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 23.

History/Date: Est. 1984.

Number of Clients Served: 150.

Canine Vision Canada

Lions Foundation of Canada

P.O. Box 907
Oakville, ON L6J 5E8
(416) 842-2891
Jacqueline Harbor, Director of Training

Mission: Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons. Provides consultation, follow-up, and orientation and mobility training.

Eligibility: Canadian citizen; minimum 17-18 years of age.

Area Served: All of Canada.

◆ Low Vision Services

LOW VISION CENTERS

Centre of Sight Enhancement

School of Optometry
University of Waterloo
Columbia Street West
Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1
(519) 888-4062

Mission: Provides comprehensive clinical services for partially sighted persons, including assessing, prescribing and providing high-technology sight enhancement systems to visually impaired Ontario residents through the Assistive Devices Program.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

P.O. Box 578, Suite 422
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9
(902) 424-7765

Arnold Jones, Superintendent
P. Ann MacCuspie, Coordinator of
Provincial Services Resource
Centre

Interprovincial agency responsible
for services to visually impaired
and hearing impaired children and
youths in Atlantic Canada.

Regional Administrative Unit #3

P.O. Box 8600
Charlottetown, PE C1A 8V7
(902) 566-2066

Sterling Stratton, Superintendent of
Education

Monitors the provision of
educational services to children and
youths with disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Provincial Library

Enman Crescent
P.O. Box 7500

Charlottetown, PE C1A 8T8
(902) 368-4631
FAX: (902) 368-5544
Albert MacDonald, Provincial
Librarian

Type of Agency: Public library.

Mission: To provide and promote
an effective library service that
supports the educational,
recreational, and informational
needs of residents of Prince
Edward Island.

Funded by: Provincial
government.

Budget: \$1.684 million.

Hours of Operation: Main office:
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Elevator
for wheelchair users; large-print
microfiche reader for visually
impaired patrons.

Number of Clients Served:
Approximately 300.

Eligibility: For talking books
supplied by Canadian National
Institute for the Blind, patrons must
present a doctor's certificate
verifying a visual impairment; for
all other audio and large-print
books, there are no eligibility
requirements.

Area Served: Prince Edward
Island.

Educational: Educational
materials; workshops by
professionals and information
sessions by library staff.

Reading: Collection of large-print
and recorded materials shared
among branch libraries and book
mobiles. Library has its own small
collection; other titles are supplied
by Canadian National Institute for
the Blind.

Persons interested in registering for
talking books should contact
Confederation Centre Public
Library, Box 7000, Charlottetown,
PE C1A 8G8, Canada, Rita Sabada.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Vocational Services for People with Disabilities

Sullivan Building, Second Floor
P.O. Box 2000

Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8
(902) 368-4948

George O'Connor, Coordinator
Judy Smith Brown, Program
Consultant, (902) 368-4949

Administers grants and
contributions program to help fund
services and integration efforts for
blind and visually impaired and
other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island Division

6136 Almon Street
Halifax, NS B3K 1T8
(Mailing: P.O. Box 8130, Halifax,
NS B3K 5L9)
(902) 453-1480

FAX: (902) 454-6570
Guy M. Woodland, Executive
Director

See Canadian National Institute for
the Blind, Nova Scotia-Prince
Edward Island Division, in Nova
Scotia provincial listings.

QUEBEC

♦ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Direction d'Adaption et des Services Complimentaires Department de L'Education Special

1035 de la Chevrotiere
Edifice Marie Guyart
9ieme etage
Quebec, PQ G1R 5R5
(418) 643-7095
Jean-Yves Roberge

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

SCHOOLS

Montreal Association for the Blind

7000 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, PQ H4B 1R3
(514) 489-3477

Ken Evans, Elementary Principal
Dr. John A. Simms

Type of Agency: Preschool, elementary and high school. Provides services both in agency and in public schools by itinerant teachers.

Mission: Offers training, education, and rehabilitation.

Funded by: Governments and private contributions.

Budget: \$1,458,894.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 20.

History/Date: Est. 1908.

Number of Clients Served: 150.

Eligibility: Canadian citizens to age 21 years (also landed immigrants or special permit holders for nonCanadians).

Area Served: Province of Quebec.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth to 21 years.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and psychosocial training.

Preschools: Birth to 5 years.

Professional Training: Training for itinerant teachers for high school students.

Reading: Braille, large print, recordings, high-tech equipment.

Residential: Yes, as necessary.

Rehabilitation: Y.

Recreational: Y.

Employment: Office for training and placement.

Computer Training: Training and equipment provided.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic.

Low Vision Aids: Aids are provided.

Low Vision Follow-up: Therapists and social workers maintain contact.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

Montreal Association for the Blind

7000 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, PQ H4B 1R3
(514) 489-8201

FAX: (514) 489-3477

Francis Rudkin, Preschool Principal

Mission: Primary education and rehabilitation services.

Area Served: Province of Quebec.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: Birth to 5 years.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

University of Sherbrooke Faculty of Education

Sherbrooke, Quebec, PQ J1K 2R1
(819) 821-7438

FAX: (819) 821-7950

André Reid

Programs Offered: Graduate programs for orientation and mobility instructors.

♦ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Direction des Bibliothèques Publiques

Ministère des Affaires Culturelles

225 Grand Allée Est
Quebec, PQ G1R 5G5
(418) 644-7206

FAX: (418) 644-0380

Michael Bonneau, Director

See also in national listings:

Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille

Regroupement des Aveugles et Amblyopes du Quebec

♦ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Service des programmes aux personnes handicapées

Ministère de la Santé et des services sociaux, Gouvernement du Québec

1005 Chemin Ste-Foy
3ième étage

Québec, PQ G1S 4N4
(418) 643-6407

Justine Bélanger, Conseillère en programmation

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind Quebec Division

1010, rue Ste-Catherine East
Suite 420
Montréal, PQ H2L 4Z8
(514) 284-2040
FAX: (514) 284-2512
Pierre-Paul Bélanger, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Matane: 235, St-Jérôme, Bureau 209, Matane, PQ G4W 3A7, (418) 562-4255.
Montréal: 1010, rue Ste-Catherine East, Suite P-100 H2L 4Z8, Montréal, PQ, (514) 284-2040 Vox CNIB/Vox INCA: (514) 285-4622.
Quebec: 269, rue de la Couronne, Quebec, PQ G1K 6C9, (418) 529-9224, FAX (418) 529-3899.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

Centre Louis-Hébert

525 Boulevard Hamel Est, Aile J
Quebec, PQ G1M 2S8
(418) 529-6991
FAX: (418) 529-3450

Type of Agency: Rehabilitation center for visually impaired persons.

Mission: To offer adaptation/rehabilitation and social integration services to visually impaired persons, residents of Quebec province.

Funded by: Provincial government.

Budget: \$4.6 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (September to June); 8:00 AM-4:00 PM (July-August).

Staff: 50.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Number of Clients Served: 2,277.

Eligibility: Resident of Quebec province who, after correction with appropriate ophthalmic lens, excluding special optical systems and correction superior to 4 dioptries, has a visual acuity of each eye inferior to 6/21 (20/70) or whose visual field in each eye is inferior to 60° in the meridian 180° or 90°.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Y.

Residential: Short-term.

Employment: Y.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille

1111 St. Charles West
Longueuil, PQ J4K 5G4
(514) 463-1710
FAX: (514) 463-0243
Normand Giroux, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Services, research, and teaching center for visually impaired persons.

Mission: Rehabilitation, supported by information production and dissemination services in substitute media.

Funded by: Government of Québec.

Budget: \$7 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 121 people, 24 percent of whom are disabled.

History/Date: Result of the 1975 merger of two establishments, namely Institut Nazareth, founded in 1861, and the Institut Louis-Braille, opened in 1953 by the Clercs de Saint-Viateur, with the support of Cardinal Léger and Mr. Jean Cypihot.

Number of Clients Served: 5,000.

Eligibility: All visually impaired individuals recognized as such according to the criteria of the Québec Health Insurance Board. These criteria include, after correction by means of appropriate ophthalmic lenses, except special optical systems and additions of more than four (4) dioptries, a visual acuity in each eye inferior to 6/21, or whose field of vision in each eye is inferior to 60° in the 180° or 90° meridian, and who in either event is unable to read, write, or negotiate unfamiliar surroundings.

Area Served: Part of Québec for rehabilitation services and all Canada for French braille services.

Transportation: Y.

Professional Training: Provided with the University of Sherbrooke.

Reading: For Grade 1 and 2 braille.

Residential: Short-term only.

Montreal Association for the Blind

7000 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, PQ H4B 1R3
(514) 489-8201
FAX: (514) 489-3477

Type of Agency: Public; non-profit.

Funded by: Government and private donations.

Budget: \$6,459,172.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 136.

History/Date: Est. 1908.

Number of Clients Served: 5,000.

Eligibility: Visually impaired; Canadian landed immigrant or citizen or by special permit.

Area Served: Province of Quebec.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Psychosocial training.

Educational: Special education teachers.

Preschools: Birth to 5 years.

Reading: Braille, large-print, recordings, high-tech aids.

Residential: 3 residences.

Rehabilitation: Comprehensive program.

Recreational: Variety of programs.

Employment: Office for training and placement.

Computer Training: Training for equipment provided.

Low Vision: Low vision clinic (multidisciplinary team, 3 optometrists).

Low Vision Aids: Full range of aids available.

Low Vision Follow-up: Therapists and social workers maintain contact.

DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

Foundation Mira

1820 Rang Nord Quest

Sainte-Madeleine, PQ J0H 1S0

(514) 795-3725

FAX: (514) 795-6666

Eric St. Pierre, General Director

Type of Agency: Guide dog school.

Mission: To provide guide dogs for blind persons.

Funded by: Public and corporation donations and fund-raising events.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 300.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Number of Clients Served: 200.

Area Served: Québec and New Brunswick.

Age Requirements: 13 years and older.

Professional Training: Y.

Employment: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

SAS-KATCHEWAN

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Special Education Branch Saskatchewan Department of Education

2220 College Avenue
Seventh Floor
Regina, SK S4P 3V7
(306) 787-6052
FAX: (306) 787-2223
Larry Carlson, Education
Consultant

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Saskatchewan Provincial Library

1352 Winnipeg Street
Regina, SK S4P 3V7
(306) 787-2972
FAX: (306) 787-8866
Gloria Materi, Acting Provincial Librarian

Type of Agency: Provincial government.

Mission: Provides centralized library programs and services and specialized library resources for municipal and regional library systems throughout the province.

Funded by: Provincial government.

Budget: \$2.1 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 40 full time.

History/Date: Est. 1953.

Eligibility: Do not serve public directly.

Area Served: Province of Saskatchewan.

Professional Training: Provides workshops and seminars for library staff on issues pertaining to access to library services for people with disabilities.

Library services directly provided to the public at over 300 locations across the province. For names, addresses, and other information, contact the Provincial Library.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Visually Impaired Persons' Action Council (VIPAC)

508 Main Street East
Suite 204
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0C1
(306) 242-1105
Brenda Cooke, Co-Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit membership organization for the blind and visually impaired persons.

Mission: To promote the full participation and integration of blind and visually impaired persons in society and to provide support, information, and advocacy efforts.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Community Living
Department of Social Services
216-110 Ominica Street

Moose Jaw, SK S6H 6V2
(306) 694-3797

Larry Moffat, Executive Director
Donna Allen, Special Assistant,
Deputy Minister's Office,
(306) 787-0916

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled adults.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind Saskatchewan Division

2550 Broad Street
Regina, SK S4P 3Z4
(306) 525-2571
FAX: (306) 565-3300
Dennis Tottenham, Executive Director

Local Offices:

Regina: 2550 Broad Street, Regina, SK S4P 3Z4, (306) 525-2571.

Saskatoon: 1705 McKercher Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7H 5N6, (306) 374-4545, FAX (306) 955-6224.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

YUKON TERRITORY

◆ Educational Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Special Education Branch Department of Education, Yukon Government

P.O. Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
(403) 667-3747
FAX: (403) 667-6339

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

◆ Information Services

LIBRARIES

Libraries and Archives Branch Department of Education, Yukon Government

P.O. Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
(403) 602-5309
FAX: (403) 667-4253
Linda Johnson, Director

Type of Agency: Public library and archives.

Funded by: Government funding.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.

10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat.

10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun.

1:00 PM-9:00 PM.

Number of Clients Served:

28,000.

Area Served: Yukon Territory.

◆ Rehabilitation Services

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

Social Services

Health and Social Services

Government of the Yukon

2071 Second Avenue
Yukon Government Administration Building
P.O. Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
(403) 667-3632
Anne Sheffield, Assistant Deputy Manager

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

REHABILITATION

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

British Columbia-Yukon Division

350 East 36th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5W 1C6
(604) 321-2311
FAX: (604) 321-6044
Mary Ann Roscoe, Executive Director

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, British Columbia-Yukon Division, in British Columbia provincial listings.

UNITED STATES
FEDERAL AGENCIES

NATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL CONSUMER
AND PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIP
ORGANIZATIONS

FEDERAL AGENCIES

◆ *Americans with Disabilities Act Agencies*

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

1331 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004
ADA Information Line (800) 872-2253 (800) USA-ABLE

See Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under Other Agencies listings.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1801 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20507
(202) 663-4398 or (202) 663-4395 (Voice) or (TDD) (202) 663-4399 or (800) 669-3362 (800) 669-EEOC

See Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Other Agencies listings.

Federal Transit Administration

Office of the Chief Counsel
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-4063 or TDD (202) 366-2979

See Federal Transit Administration under U.S. Department of Transportation.

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

330 C Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-8134

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research funds grants to maintain Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers, whose purpose is to ensure that information and expertise are available on how to make reasonable accommodation for disabled employees in the work setting. The following is a list of these centers and states covered within each region:

Region I: New England Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, University of Southern Maine, Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, 96 Falmouth Street, Portland, ME 04103, (207) 780-4430, FAX (207) 780-4417.

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Region II: Northeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, United Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey, 354 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, (609) 392-4004, FAX (609) 392-3505.

New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

Region III: Mid-Atlantic Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Independence Center of North Virginia, 2111 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201, (703) 525-3268, FAX (703) 525-6835.

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.

Region IV: Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, United Cerebral Palsy Association, The SMART Exchange, 1776 Peachtree Street, Suite 310 North, Atlanta, GA 30309, (404) 888-0022, FAX (404) 888-9091, (404) 888-9006 TDD.

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

Region V: Great Lakes Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, Affiliated Program in Developmental Disabilities, 1640 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608, (312) 413-1647 (Voice/TDD), FAX (312) 413-1326.

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin.

Region VI: Southwest Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Independent Living Research Utilization, The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR), 2323 South Shepherd Boulevard, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77019, (713) 520-0232, FAX (703) 520-5785, (703) 520-5136 TDD.

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Region VII: Great Plains Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, University of Missouri at Columbia, 401 East Locust Street, Columbia, MO 65201, (314) 882-3807, FAX (314) 882-1727.

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska.

Region VIII: Rocky Mountain Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Meeting the Challenge, Inc., 3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103, Colorado Springs, CO 80907, (719) 444-0252, FAX (719) 444-0269.

Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming.

Region IX: Pacific Coast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Berkeley Planning Associates, 440 Grand Avenue, Suite 500, Oakland, CA 94610, (415) 465-7884, FAX (415) 465-7885.

Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Pacific Basin.

Region X: Northwest Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Washington State Governor's Committee, 212 Maple Park KG-11, Olympia, WA 98504, (206) 438-3168, FAX (206) 438-4014, (206) 438-3167 TDD.

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

See National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research under U.S. Department of Education.

**U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Coordination and Review Section**
10th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
(202) 514-2151 or TDD (202) 514-0381

See U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Coordination and Review Section under Other Agencies listings.

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**
400 Seventh Street, S.W., #10424

Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-9306
FAX: TDD (202) 755-7687

See U.S. Department of Transportation.

◆ U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Education Office of the Secretary

400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 401-3000

Richard W. Riley, Secretary

The U.S. Department of Education maintains ten regional offices throughout the country. The regional offices of the Rehabilitation Services Administration are at the same addresses. The following is a list of these offices (for the states covered within each federal region, see National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research under Americans with Disabilities Act Agencies):

Region I: Post Office Square, McCormack Courthouse, Boston, MA 02109-4557, (617) 223-9317.

Region II: 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0082, (212) 264-7005.

Region III: 3535 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3326, (215) 596-1001.

Region IV: 101 Marietta Tower Building, Atlanta, GA 30323, (404) 331-2502.

Region V: 401 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60605-1202, (312) 353-5215.

Region VI: 1200 Main Tower Building, Dallas, TX 75202, (214) 767-3626.

Region VII: 10220 North Executive Hills Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64153-1367, (816) 891-7972.

Region VIII: 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204-3582, (303) 844-3544.

Region IX: 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94102-4102, (415) 536-4920.

Region X: 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174-1099, (206) 553-0460.

Clearinghouse on Disability Information

330 C Street, S.W., Room 3132
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-8241
Carolyn Corlett

Mission: Responds to inquiries from disabled individuals and serves as a resource to organizations that supply information to and about disabled individuals.

Division of Blind and Visually Impaired

330 C Street, S.W.
Room 3227
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-9316
Chester (Chet) P. Avery, Director

Mission: Develops methods, standards, and procedures to assist state agencies in the rehabilitation of blind persons. Administers the Randolph-Sheppard Act, which assures priority for blind persons in the operation of vending facilities on federal property.

Assists the states in developing programs that provide vocational rehabilitation services to blind persons to enable them to become self-supporting and gainfully employed; assists the states in analyzing occupations to ascertain their suitability for performance

without the use of sight, and demonstrates to employers the suitability for employment of blind persons who are properly selected and adequately prepared for work; promotes and supports institutes and training programs; conducts studies and prepares descriptions of occupations in which blind persons are or may be successfully engaged; prepares technical guides and other materials for use of staff members of state agencies; develops, in cooperation with state agencies, new training facilities for blind persons, and assists in the expansion of existing facilities; maintains continuous relationships with other public and private agencies for the blind; administers the grant for the Helen Keller National Center established to provide a national center and network for the rehabilitation of deaf-blind youth and adults; cooperates in the development of the Independent Living Services program for older blind individuals.

National Council on Disability
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20591
(202) 267-3846
Sandra Parrino, Chairperson

Mission: Develops policy and operational plans for the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; advises the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on policy.

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
330 C Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-8134

Mission: Administers grants and contracts for research and demonstration projects related to

disabled persons; also administers research and training centers.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement
Library Programs
402 Capital Place
555 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, DC 20208
(202) 219-2293
Ray Fry, Acting Director

Mission: Administers the Library Services and Construction Act, which authorizes grants to the states for library services to the physically disabled.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
330 C Street, S.W., Room 3006
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-5465
Robert R. Davila, Assistant Secretary

Mission: Has administrative supervision of Office of Special Education Programs, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Office of Special Education Programs
330 C Street, S.W., Room 3086
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-5507
Judith Schrag, Director

Mission: Administers the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and related programs for the education of disabled children, including grants to institutions of higher learning and fellowships to train educational personnel; grants to states for the education of disabled children; research and demonstration projects; and special programs, such as centers and

services for children who are deaf-blind.

Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 205-5482
Nell C. Carney, Acting Commissioner

Mission: Provides national leadership and technical guidance for the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program. Administers grants to the states for vocational rehabilitation of the disabled. Provides demonstrations, professional training, and independent living grants for disabled persons, including visually impaired persons.

◆ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Secretary
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 615F
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 690-7000
Donna E. Shalala, Secretary

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services maintains ten regional offices throughout the country. The regional offices of the Administration for Children and Families and for the Health Care Financing Administration are at the same addresses. The following is a list of these offices (for the states covered within each federal region, see National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research under Americans with Disabilities Act Agencies):

Region I - Boston: J.F. Kennedy Federal Office Building, Room 2411 Government Center, Boston, MA 02203, (617) 565-1500, (617) 565-2870.

Region II - New York: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, (212) 264-4600, (212) 264-3915.

Region III - Philadelphia: Gateway Building, 3535 Market Street, P.O. Box 8788, Mail Stop 22, Philadelphia, PA 19101, (215) 596-6492, (215) 596-6941.

Region IV - Atlanta: 101 Marietta Tower, Atlanta, GA 30323, (404) 331-2442, (404) 331-2475.

Region V - Chicago: 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 353-5160, (312) 353-8277.

Region VI - Dallas: 1200 Main Tower Building, Dallas, TX 75202, (214) 767-3301, (214) 767-4210.

Region VII - Kansas City: 601 East 12th Street, Federal Building, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 221-3500, (816) 426-3701.

Region VIII - Denver: 1961 Stout Street, Denver, CO 80294, (303) 844-3372, (303) 844-2388.

Region IX - San Francisco: 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-4676.

Region X - Seattle: 2201 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121, (206) 553-0417.

Administration for Children and Families

901 D Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20447
(202) 401-9200
JoAnn B. Barnhurt, Assistant Secretary

Mission: Has administrative supervision of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation; the Administration on Aging; Administration on Developmental Disabilities; Administration for Children, Youth and Families;

Administration for Native Americans; and the program under Title XX (social services) of the Social Security Act.

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families

2026 MES
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 205-8347
Wade F. Horn, Commissioner

Mission: Advises the secretary of Health and Human Services on department plans and programs related to early childhood development; operates the Head Start day care and other related child service programs; provides leadership, advice, and services that affect the general well-being of children and youths.

Administration on Aging

Cohen Building, Room 4760
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 619-0556
Joyce T. Berry

Mission: Administers the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist states and local communities to develop programs for older persons.

Health Care Financing Administration

200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 690-6726
William Toby, Acting Administrator

Mission: Administers the Medicare program under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Administers grants to the states for Medicaid under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for individuals who are medically indigent.

Health Resources and Services Administration

Bureau of Health Professions

5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
(301) 443-5794
Fitzhugh S.M. Mullen, Director

Mission: Through appropriated funds, supports education programs, credentialing, analysis, and development of human resources needed to staff the U.S. health care system.

Health Services Administration Bureau for Maternal and Child Health

Health Care Resources Department

5600 Fishers Lane
Room 18-05 Parklawn
Rockville, MD 20857
(301) 443-2170
Audrey H. Nora, Director

Mission: Administers block grants to the states for maternal and child health, and crippled children's services under Title V of the Social Security Act.

National Center for Health Statistics

6525 Belcrest Road
Hyattsville, MD 20782
(301) 436-7016
Manning Feinleib, M.D., Director

Mission: Collects, compiles, and disseminates data related to health and vital statistics, including information on prevalence of vision defects, based on household interview surveys.

National Health Information Center

P.O. Box 1133
Washington, DC 20013-1133
(800) 336-4797 or (301) 565-4167
Sally Roy, Project Director

Mission: Refers public and professionals to appropriate health organizations. Provides health information. Maintains library and internal database.

Publications: *Healthfinder*.

**National Institutes of Health
National Eye Institute Information Center**

9000 Rockville Pike
Building 31, Room 6A03
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-5248 or (301) 496-2234
Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director,
(301) 496-2234

Mission: Finances and conducts research on the eye and vision disorders; supports training of eye researchers; and publishes materials on visual impairment.

**National Institutes of Health
National Institute on Aging**

9000 Rockville Pike
Building 31, Room 5C35
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-0216
Gene Cohen, Acting Director

Mission: Finances intramural and extramural research on aging; supports training of researchers in aging.

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

330 C Street, N.W.
Mary Switzer Building, Room 2132
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 205-8660

Mission: Conducts research and gathers and disseminates information on disease- and health-related issues. Issues a wide variety of publications.

Office of Public Affairs

901 D Street, S.W.

Washington, DC 20447
(202) 401-9215
Larry W. Dye, Director

Mission: Administers grants to the states for social services under Title XX of the Social Security Act to welfare recipients and others likely to become welfare recipients.

Social Security Administration

6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235
(410) 965-3120
Gwendolyn S. King, Commissioner

Mission: Administers old age, survivors, and disability insurance programs under Title II of the Social Security Act. Also administers the federal income maintenance program (Supplemental Security Income for the aged, blind, and disabled) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. Maintains network of local/regional offices nationwide.

◆ U.S. Department of Labor

**U.S. Department of Labor
Office of the Secretary**

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 523-8274
Robert B. Reich, Secretary

**Employment Standards
Administration**

Branch of Special Employment
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 523-8727

Mission: Monitors compliance with sub-minimum wage requirements for disabled workers in sheltered workshops,

competitive industry, and hospitals and institutions under Section 14(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 523-9475
Jamie Ramon, Acting Director

Mission: Monitors compliance with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 providing for affirmative action in the employment of qualified disabled workers by contractors with the federal government, as well as similar provisions of law regarding disabled veterans (38 U.S.C. 2012); also investigates complaints.

U.S. Employment Service

Patrick Henry Building
601 D Street, N. W.
Washington, DC 20213
(202) 535-0157
Robert Schaereli, Director

Mission: Administers the federal-state employment service program. Has selective placement personnel in state employment service offices to serve disabled individuals.

◆ U.S. Department of Transportation

**U.S. Department of
Transportation
Office of the Secretary**

400 Seventh Street, S.W. #10424
Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-9306 or TDD (202) 755-7687

Federico F. Pena, Secretary

Federal Transit Administration

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-4040
Brian W. Clymer, Administrator

Mission: Administers federally assisted mass transit programs.

The Federal Transit Administration maintains ten regional offices throughout the country. The following is a list of these offices (for the states covered within each federal region, see National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research under Americans with Disabilities Act Agencies):

Region I: Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142, (617) 494-2055, FAX (617) 494-2865.

Region II: 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, (212) 264-8162, FAX (212) 264-8973.

Region III: 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 597-8098, FAX (215) 597-2767.

Region IV: 1720 Peachtree Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309, (404) 347-3948, FAX (404) 347-7849.

Region V: 55 E Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 353-2787, FAX (312) 886-0351.

Region VI: 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, (817) 334-3787, FAX (817) 334-3129.

Region VII: 6301 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, (816) 926-5053, FAX (816) 926-7388.

Region VIII: 1961 Stout Street, Federal Office Building, Denver, CO 80294, (303) 844-3242, FAX (303) 844-4217.

Region IX: 211 Main Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-3133, FAX (415) 744-2767.

Region X: 915 Second Avenue, Jackson Federal Building, Seattle, WA 98174, (206) 553-4210, FAX (206) 553-4999.

Office of Consumer Affairs

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-2220

Mission: Enforces the Air Carrier Access Act, which provides rules governing access to air transportation by persons with disabilities.

◆ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**Office of the Secretary**

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 223-3775
Jesse Brown, Secretary

Blind Rehabilitation Service

531 TECH
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 535-7637
Don E. Garner, Director

Mission: Oversees programs for blinded veterans within the Veterans Health Administration. Services offered include Visual Impairment Services Teams (VIST) assistance and Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic Programs. Visual Impairment Services Teams are diagnostic and treatment agents who provide periodic evaluations of physical, visual, hearing, and adjustment status and ongoing individualized treatment according to needs, goals, and eligibility. Their resources include health services, financial benefits,

adaptive equipment, referral for comprehensive blind rehabilitation, low vision services, vocational training, and support and adjustment counseling. Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic Programs offer comprehensive rehabilitation services that encompass orientation/mobility skills; visual skills including ophthalmology, and optometry; manual skills; communication and personal management skills; physical education and recreation; avocational skills and leisure time activities; psychological counseling and social work; general medical care; audiology; education in personal health care and dietary management; family programs; community resources; and review of benefits.

Blind Rehabilitation Centers offer instruction in the use of specialized electronic travel aids and reading machines, computer access training as well as the latest technological devices. Clinic programs are designed for blinded veterans who have special problems and/or needs in addition to blindness. Blind Rehabilitation Centers and Clinics are authorized to provide prosthetic and sensory aids to blinded veterans to assist them in overcoming blindness.

There is at least one VIST designated for each state. Blind Rehabilitation Centers are located at VA Medical Centers in: Birmingham, Alabama; Palo Alto, California; West Haven, Connecticut; Hines, Illinois; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. A center is being planned in Tucson, Arizona. Blind Rehabilitation Clinics are located at West Haven, Connecticut; Waco, Texas; and Tacoma, Washington.

See individual state listings for facilities' addresses and phone numbers.

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

811 TECH
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 233-2044
D'Wayne Gray, Chief Benefits Director

Mission: Furnishes compensation and pensions for disability and death to veterans and their dependents. Provides vocational rehabilitation services, including counseling, training, and assistance toward employment, to blinded veterans disabled as a result of service in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era; also provides rehabilitation services to certain peace-time veterans. Offers and guarantees loans for the purchase or construction of homes, farms, and businesses.

Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 535-7010
James W. Holzinger, Jr., Chief

Mission: Provides hospital and outpatient treatment as well as nursing home care for eligible veterans in Veterans Administration facilities. Services elsewhere provided on a contract basis in the United States and its territories. Provides non-vocational inpatient residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blinded veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

◆ Other Agencies

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
1331 F Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20004
(202) 272-5434
Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director

Mission: Administers Section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and enforces the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, which prohibits architectural and transportation barriers to disabled persons in federally funded buildings.

Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped

Crystal Square 5, Suite 1107
1755 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202-3509
(703) 557-1145
Beverly L. Milkman, Executive Director

Mission: Administers the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (P.L. 92-28), under which the federal government purchases products and services from non-profit workshops for the blind and other handicapped outside the competitive bidding system.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1801 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20507
(202) 663-4001
Evan Kemp, Chairman

Mission: Enforces section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in federal employment, and the employment provisions of the American with Disabilities Act.

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1291 Taylor Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20542
(202) 707-5100 or (800) 424-8567
Frank Kurt Cylke, Director

Mission: Conducts national program to distribute free reading materials of a general nature—classics, current fiction, and nonfiction—to the nation's blind and physically disabled citizens who cannot utilize ordinary printed materials because of physical impairments. Provides reference information service on all aspects of blindness and other physical disabilities that affect reading. Conducts national correspondence courses to train sighted persons as braille transcribers and blind persons as braille proofreaders. With volunteer help, transcribes books into hand-copied braille, records books on magnetic tape, and repairs machines. Conducts a continuous program of testing, development, and evaluation of reading materials and related equipment.

Eligibility: Must be determined by competent authority.

Reading: Reading materials provided consist of talking books recorded on cassette tape or 33, 16, and 8 RPM disks, books in braille, and recorded and braille music. Reading materials also include approximately 70 magazines on flexible disks or in braille. Provides talking book machines and cassette machines for disk records and cassette tapes. Selects, orders, and distributes materials through a network of 160 libraries nationwide that function as circulating centers, using the mails to serve readers. Materials mailed postage free.

See individual state listings for regional libraries and distributors of talking book machines.

**President's Committee on
Employment of People with
Disabilities**

1331 F. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004-1107
(202) 376-6200 or TDD (202) 376-
6205
FAX: (202) 376-6219
Justin W. Dart, Jr., Chairman
Richard Douglas, Executive
Director

Mission: Promotes the
development of maximum
employment opportunities for
disabled persons. Consists of
volunteer members throughout the
country under a volunteer
chairman and a paid secretariat.

Small Business Administration

409 Third Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20416
(202) 205-6605
Patricia F. Saiki, Administrator

Mission: Administers the Small
Business Act, including small
business loans to disabled
individuals; maintains local offices
throughout the country.

**U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Coordination and Review Section**

10th Street and Constitution
Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
(202) 514-2151
John Dunn, Assistant Attorney
General

Mission: Coordinates the
implementation by federal agencies
of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation
Act of 1973, as amended, which
prohibits discrimination on the
basis of disability in federally
assisted programs and in programs
and activities conducted by federal
executive agencies. Also enforces
pattern or practice cases or cases of
general importance for Title III of

the Americans With Disabilities Act
on public accommodations
operated by private entities.

**U.S. Office of Personnel
Management
Office of Equal Employment
Opportunity**

1900 E Street, N.W., Room 5431
Washington, DC 20415
(202) 606-2460
Teresa Alzamora del Rio, Assistant
Director

Mission: Establishes policy for
employment of disabled persons
within the federal service.
Administers a merit system for
federal employment that includes
recruiting, examining, training, and
promoting people on the basis of
knowledge and skills, regardless of
sex, race, religion, or other factors.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Diabetes Association National Center

1600 Duke Street
P.O. Box 25757
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 549-1500 or (800) 232-3472
FAX: (703) 836-7439
John H. Graham, IV, Chief Executive Officer

Type of Agency: Not-for-profit professional health organization.

Mission: Promotes knowledge of diabetes through public and professional education. Seeks to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. All services provided at the local level by over 800 chapters throughout the United States and 54 affiliates in all 50 states.

Funded by: Voluntary contributions; membership fees.

Budget: \$65 million.

Staff: 140.

History/Date: Est. 1941.

Area Served: Affiliates in all states; over 800 chapters.

Publications: *Diabetes Forecast*; *Diabetes*; *Clinical Diabetes*; *Diabetes Spectrum*.

American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000 or (800) 232-5463
FAX: (212) 727-7418
Carl R. Augusto, President and Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To enable people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve equality of access and opportunity that will ensure freedom of choice in their lives. AFB accomplishes this mission through agency-wide program initiatives and through the delivery of a wide variety of products and services. Current program initiatives include efforts on behalf of literacy for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired; implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; access to information; education of deaf-blind children; general and categorical services; education; and employment and aging. Products and services include governmental relations efforts; publications and videos for professional and consumer education; manufacture of talking books; development and sale of consumer products; a national clearinghouse; information and referral and a toll-free national telephone hotline; professional and consumer mentor networks; public education; social research; a professional library and archives; and consultation and training activities within and outside the blindness services field. AFB provides these services through headquarters in New York City and through five regional centers as well as a governmental relations office in Washington, D.C. The Eastern Regional Center (Washington, D.C.) serves Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. The Midwest Regional Center (Chicago) serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Southeast Regional Center (Atlanta) serves Alabama, Florida,

Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Virgin Islands and West Virginia. The Southwest Regional Center (Dallas) serves Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming. The Western Regional Center (San Francisco) serves Alaska, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington State.

Funded by: Voluntary contributions and endowment.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1921.

Professional Training: Conducts institutes, workshops, and training courses for professional personnel. Provides legislative consultation.

Publications: *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*; *AFB News*; regional newsletters.

See individual state listings for addresses of Governmental Relations Department and regional center offices.

American Society for Contemporary Ophthalmology

233 East Erie
Suite 710
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 951-1400
John G. Bellows, M.D., Ph.D., Director

Mission: Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists. Maintains computerized service, EYENET, for on-line communication of eye problems and access to selected journal articles.

Publications: *Annals of Ophthalmology*; *Glaucoma*; *Journal of Ocular Therapy and Surgery*.

Associates for World Action in Rehabilitation and Education

P.O. Box 96
 Mohegan Lake, NY 10547
 (914) 528-0567
 FAX: (914) 528-0567
 Anne Yeadon, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Collaborates with other human service agencies to develop and coordinate cost-effective outreach strategies to identify and serve hard-to-reach individuals with severe visual impairments in the United States and in the developing world. In partnership with local organizations, develops consumer and trainer materials for serving underserved populations. Conducts evaluations and organizational analyses; develops custom rehabilitation service strategies relevant to specific populations and human service organizations.

Funded by: Voluntary contributions, endowments, and special project grants.

Staff: Multidisciplinary national and international team of professionals.

History/Date: Est. 1991.

Area Served: United States and overseas.

Professional Training: Conducts workshops for human service professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers in the areas of rehabilitation and special education.

Publications: *New Independence! for Older Persons with Vision Loss in Long-Term Care Facilities* (a 3-volume in-service training kit). Booklets for consumers, family, and friends.

Association of Radio Reading Services

c/o Radio Information Service
 2100 Wharton Street, Suite 140

Pittsburgh, PA 15203
 (412) 488-3944
 Bill Pasco, President

Mission: Promotes radio reading services. Has closed circuit radio broadcasts of daily newspapers plus other materials. Maintains circulating library of books and programs on tape.

Publications: *Hearsay Newsletter*; *Directory of Radio Reading Services*.

Better Vision Institute Vision Council of America

1800 North Kent Street
 Suite 904
 Rosslyn, VA 22209
 (703) 243-1508
 FAX: (703) 243-1537
 Susan Burton, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Makes public aware of need for eye care. Publishes informational material and maintains library.

Funded by: International Vision Expo.

Budget: \$2 million.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Staff: 5.

Area Served: United States; international.

Publications: *BVI News*.

Blind Outdoor Leisure Development

533 East Main Street
 Aspen, CO 81611
 (303) 925-2086
 Mary Moran, President

Mission: Forms local clubs for blind people engaging in outdoor sports. Trains leaders, provides insurance for participants, and encourages reduced rates for local sports activities.

Braille Authority of North America

c/o American Council of the Blind
 1155 15th Street N.W.
 Suite 720
 Washington, DC 20005
 (202) 467-5081 or (202) 467-5085
 Hilda Caton

Type of Agency: U.S.-Canadian standard-setting organization whose member agencies strive to promulgate codes regarding the usage of braille and to encourage its use.

Mission: Promotes and facilitates the use, teaching, and production of braille.

Publications: *Annual Directory*.

Braille Sports Foundation

4601 Excelsior Boulevard
 Suite 321
 St. Louis Park, MO 55416
 (612) 920-9363
 FAX: (612) 920-0086
 John Ross, Chief Executive Director

Mission: Acts as a resource center to promote adapted physical fitness and organized athletic programs. Developer of the Beep Baseball game and audio talking dart machine. Trainer of Master Eye guide dogs on individual bases.

Publications: *Feeling Sports*, an international newsletter available in large print and braille or cassette.

Corneal Dystrophy Foundation

1926 Hidden Creek Drive
 Kingwood, TX 77339
 (713) 358-4227
 Steve Waldrop, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes public education about corneal dystrophy. Supports research.

Publications: *Corneal Dystrophy Foundation Newsletter*.

DB-LINK: The National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind

c/o Teaching Research
Northwestern Oregon State College
345 North Monmouth Avenue
Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 838-8401

Type of Agency: A collaborative effort of the American Foundation for the Blind, Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Perkins School for the Blind, and Teaching Research.

Mission: Identifies, coordinates, and disseminates information related to children ages 0-21 who are deaf-blind, including the following topics: early intervention; special education; general education; medical; health, social, recreational, and legal issues; employment; independent living; and postsecondary education.

Delta Gamma Foundation

3250 Riverside Drive
P.O. Box 21397
Columbus, OH 43221-0397
(614) 481-8169
FAX: (614) 481-0133
Margaret Hess Watkins, Executive Director and Director of Development

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides a means for its members to act in concert to further exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational objectives. Conducts Delta Gamma Project on Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind. Promotes local community service by members. Local services carried out through direct sponsorship or cooperation with agencies for blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Voluntary donations from individuals and organized collegiate and alumnae groups of Delta Gamma.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1951. First project begun 1911; Aid to the Blind/Sight Conservation, 1936.

Publications: *Anchora of Delta Gamma; Shield.*

Eye Bank Association of America

1001 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Suite 601
Washington, DC 20036-5504
(202) 775-4999
FAX: (202) 429-6036
Patricia Aiken-O'Neill, President and Chief Executive Officer

Mission: Establishes medical standards for evaluating and distributing corneal transplants. Certifies eye banks and technicians entrusted with caring for donated tissue. Awards annual research grants to promote and encourage transplantation.

Publications: *Foresight.*

Eye Bank for Sight Restoration

210 East 64th Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 980-6700
Mary Jane O'Neill, Executive Director

Mission: Collects and distributes healthy donated corneas. Maintains public education, professional education, research programs.

Funded by: Processing fees and general public contributions.

Budget: \$2 million.

Hours of Operation: Office: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Laboratory coverage: 24 hours.

Staff: 20 full and part-time.

History/Date: Est. 1944.

Number of Clients Served: 1,300 annually.

Area Served: New York City and six adjacent counties for direct

services; entire United States for information.

Educational: Videos and speakers bureau.

Professional Training: In-service training provided to hospital staffs.

Publications: *Eye-to-Eye Newsletter.*

Fight for Sight

160 East 56th Street
Eighth Floor
New York, NY 10022
(212) 751-1118
FAX: (212) 688-9641
Mildred Weisenfeld, Executive Director

Mission: Funds eye research awards to accredited institutions, fellowships to students of medicine or of the basic sciences, postdoctoral research fellowships and grants-in-aid to qualified investigators.

Funded by: Contributions, special events, and Fight for Sight Leagues.

Budget: \$850,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

Staff: 5 full time; 2 part time.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1946; under National Council to Combat Blindness, Fight for Sight Inc. 1959.

Area Served: United States primarily, but accepts applications for research supported from accredited medical colleges, hospitals, and eye centers throughout the world.

Foundation for Glaucoma Research

490 Post Street
Suite 830
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 986-3162
FAX: (415) 986-3763
Tara L. Steele, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit medical research and educational organization.

Mission: Aims to eliminate blindness caused by glaucoma through the use of research and education. Informs professionals and public about glaucoma through publications, lectures, conferences. Maintains eye bank for glaucomatous tissue research.

Funded by: Private donations.

Budget: \$900,000.

Staff: 9.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Area Served: United States.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Nationwide telephone glaucoma peer support network.

Publications: *Gleams Newsletter*; patient guide *Understanding & Living with Glaucoma*.

4-Sights Network

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind

16625 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48227

(313) 272-3900

FAX: (313) 272-6893

Mary Beth Kullen, Information Systems Supervisor

Mission: Acts as a national computer information service designed to collect and disseminate information of interest to people who are blind or visually impaired or who provide services to people with visual impairments.

Information about technology, education, rehabilitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, low vision, and other topics available via computer-modem connection.

Glaucoma Foundation

310 East 14th Street

New York, NY 10003

(212) 260-1000 or (800) 832-EXAM

(800) 832-3926 Toll-free

FAX: (212) 260-1002

David A. Steinberger, M.D.,
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Promotes research into the causes and factors influencing glaucoma; maintains a toll-free hot line for callers nationwide; participates in monthly local support groups; conducts public education projects to provide information about glaucoma and the importance of early detection and treatment. Children's Right to Sight program arranges surgery in the U.S. for children facing blindness and unable to obtain surgery in home countries. Private donations and fund raising.

Budget: \$350,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 2.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 2,000 calls annually on hot line.

Area Served: United States.

Educational: Public service announcements, brochures, information about glaucoma and low vision.

Hadley School for the Blind

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093

(708) 446-8111 or (800) 323-4238

FAX: (708) 446-8153

Dr. Robert J. Winn, President

Type of Agency: International home study school.

Mission: To enable blind persons at every stage of life to acquire specialized skills in order to participate successfully in the

mainstream of society through home study.

Funded by: Contributions, endowment, and nonfederal grants.

Hours of Operation: Switchboard open Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1920; inc. 1922.

Number of Clients Served: Over 12,000 annually.

Area Served: Legally blind children aged 0-6 and their parents.

Educational: Provides academic, vocational, personal enrichment, and compensatory/rehabilitation education and technical education through free home study courses, including braille reading and writing, and a number of prevocational and advocational subjects. Also offers courses for parents of blind children. Accredited by Accrediting Commission of National Home Study Council and North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Helen Keller International

15 West 16th Street

New York, NY 10011

(212) 807-5800

John M. Palmer III, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Promotes programs in the prevention of eye disease and blindness. Assists governments and voluntary agencies in developing countries to establish and integrate services to prevent or cure eye diseases and blindness into their national health and welfare systems and to rehabilitate and educate blind and visually impaired persons. Initiates programs for the integration of blind children and adults into community life. Trains field workers for rural areas.

Funded by: Voluntary contributions; bequests; grants from corporations; foundations; governmental agencies (both national and international).

History/Date: Est. 1915.

Area Served: More than 22 developing countries.

Publications: *Helen Keller International Newsletter*.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
(516) 944-8900 (voice and TDD)
FAX: (516) 944-7302
Joseph J. McNulty, Director, Helen Keller National Center
Fred W. McPhilliamy, President, Helen Keller Services for the Blind

Type of Agency: Non-profit. Operated by Helen Keller Services for the Blind under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education.

Mission: To facilitate a national, coordinated effort to meet the social, rehabilitative, and independent living needs of America's deaf-blind population through demonstration of appropriate rehabilitative training techniques, methods, and technologies.

Funded by: Federal, state, private.

Budget: \$5 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:45-4:30 PM—Training Building; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—Residence Building.

Staff: Approximately 120 nationwide.

History/Date: Est. 1969.

Number of Clients Served: Approximately 1,700 nationwide annually.

Eligibility: Legal blindness and deafness (a chronic hearing impairment so severe that speech cannot be understood with optimum amplification) which

causes extreme difficulty in attaining independence in daily life activities. Must be 18 years of age and older.

Area Served: United States and territories.

Age Requirements: 18 years of age and up.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available.

Professional Training: Offers training seminars at headquarters and nationwide through a national training team.

Residential: At headquarters in Sands Point, NY, during training only.

Rehabilitation: Provides diagnostic evaluation, short-term comprehensive rehabilitation, personal adjustment training, and job preparation and placement for all Americans who are deaf-blind. Local services and training are offered nationwide to these individuals, their parents and professionals in the field through HKNC's 10 regional offices, some 30 affiliated agencies, a National Training Team, a Technical Assistance Center for Transition Services, Services for Older Adults, and National Parent Network.

Recreational: Available for students.

Employment: Job and residential placement in home community through two placement specialists on staff.

Computer Training: Available for students.

Low Vision: Services available for students.

Low Vision Aids: Services available for students.

Publications: *National Center News*, 3 times per year in large print and braille, free to deaf-blind readers and libraries; *National Parent Network Newsletter*, free; *TAC Newsletter*, free.

Local Offices:

Atlanta: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Southeastern Region Office, 1005 Virginia Avenue, Suite 104, Atlanta, GA 30354, (404) 766-9625 (TDD and voice).

Boston: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, New England Region Office, 89 Broad Street, Suite 1135, Boston, MA 02110, (617) 350-8702 (TDD and voice).

Chicago: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, North Central Region Office, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 772, Chicago, IL 60601-2109, (312) 726-2090 (TDD and voice).

Dallas: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, South Central Region Office, 4455 LBJ Freeway, LB#3, Suite 517, Dallas, TX 75244-5998, (214) 490-9677 (TDD and voice).

Denver: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Rocky Mountain Region Office, 12075 East 45th Avenue, Suite 222, Denver, CO 80239, (303) 373-1204 (TDD and voice).

Mission: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Great Plains Region Office, 5920 Nail Avenue, Suite 311, Mission, KS 66202-3456, (913) 677-4562 (TDD and voice).

Prospect Park: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, East Central Region Office, Park Hill, 1301 Lincoln Avenue, Prospect Park, PA 19076, (215) 237-1575 (TDD and voice).

Sands Point: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Mid-Atlantic Region Office, 111 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050, (516) 944-8900 (TDD and voice).

Seattle: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Northwestern Region Office, 2366 East Lake Avenue East, Suite 209, Seattle, WA 98102-3366, (206) 324-9120 (TDD and voice).

Van Nuys: Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Southwest Region Office, 6851 Lennox Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91405-4097, (818) 782-9935 or TDD (818) 782-9936.

**Hilton/Perkins National and International Program
Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434
Michael T. Collins, National Director
Lawrence F. Campbell, International Director

Mission: Improves the quality of life for underserved, multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind children and their families through collaborative efforts with local, regional and national organizations. Determines program needs and provides direct and support services to children, their families, and professionals in the U.S. and developing countries around the world. Encourages persons with visual impairments and their families to participate more actively in program planning and development. Provides leadership and advocacy for programs for multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind children.
Funded by: Conrad N. Hilton Foundation of Reno, Nevada.
History/Date: Est. 1989.
Area Served: Worldwide.

Educational: Works with direct-service providing organizations worldwide to establish new or improved services to multiply

disabled children and their families.

Preschools: Works with agencies worldwide to create new services for multiply disabled blind or deaf-blind infants and toddlers and their families.

Professional Training: Provides preservice and in-service training for teachers of multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind children and for administrators of school and agency programs. Collaborates with colleges, universities, and agencies worldwide to create new training programs for teachers of children who are multiply disabled, blind or deaf-blind.

Publications: Develops and disseminates training materials and curricula for professionals and families.

International Institute for Visually Impaired, 0-7 (Blind Children's Fund)

1975 Rutgers Circle
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 332-2666
Sherry Raynor, President,
(517) 332-4014

Mission: Promotes the education and welfare of preschool blind and visually impaired infants and children by developing programs and disseminating information.

Publications: *VIP Newsletter*.

International Society on Metabolic Eye Disease

1125 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10128
(212) 427-1246
FAX: (212) 360-7009
Heskel M. Haddad, M.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Organization of ophthalmologists, pediatricians, endocrinologists, internists, and paramedical personnel.

Mission: Promotes the study of metabolic eye problems and related biochemical and genetic aspects.

History/Date: Est. 1973.

Eligibility: All ophthalmologists.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Publications: *Metabolic Pediatric & Systemic Optometry*.

IN TOUCH Networks

15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6270
FAX: (212) 769-6266
Bruce Massis, General Manager

Mission: Maintains volunteer service that allows blind or physically impaired people to listen to readings of articles from more than 100 newspapers and magazines via closed circuit and cable radio. Broadcasts are nationally accessible via satellite.
Funded by: Contributions from foundations, corporations, individuals.

Budget: \$450,000.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours/day.

Program Accessibility: Special receiver of FM cable radio required.
Staff: 9.

History/Date: Est. 1974.

Number of Clients Served: Accessible to 4.5 million households in the United States.
Eligibility: Inability to read standard print.

Area Served: Mainland United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

Publications: *Annual Program Guide to In Touch Networks* (in large-print or audio cassette).

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology
2025 Woodlane Drive

St. Paul, MN 55125-2995
(612) 731-2944
FAX: (612) 731-0410
Thomas D. France, M.D., President

Mission: Promotes training programs and education standards for allied health personnel in ophthalmology. Conducts certification and continuing education.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Publications: *Outlook*; newsletter.

Joslin Diabetes Center

One Joslin Place
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 732-2400
Kenneth Quickel, M.D., President

Mission: Investigates new clinical treatment methods for diabetes. Supports camps for diabetic children. Conducts professional education courses.

Publications: *Joslin Magazine*.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

P.O. Box 579
Springfield, IL 62705-0579
(217) 523-3838
FAX: (217) 523-0013
William Thornley, Jr., President

Mission: Provides funding for eye treatment, surgery, and hospitalization for needy persons.

Funded by: Support from Knights Templar, Grand Encampment USA.

The Lighthouse Inc.

800 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017
(212) 808-0077 (voice and TDD)
FAX: (212) 808-0110
Barbara Silverstone, DSW,
President

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Promotes vision rehabilitation services for all ages and maintains a wide variety of research and education programs. Through the Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Aging, the Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Child Development, Low Vision Continuing Education, and the Research Institute, conducts research and demonstration projects; delivers technical assistance, consulting, and educational services regarding the needs of people who are blind or visually impaired; and maintains a toll-free information and resource service.

Funded by: Fees, government grants, product sales, investment income, contributions.

Educational: Offers educational programs for consumers and professionals relating to a variety of subjects, including vision and aging and vision and child development.

Professional Training: Provides professional training related to vision and child development and, through the Lighthouse Low Vision Continuing Education Program, offers courses in low vision care to ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses and technicians, opticians, and administrators. Also offers externship for optometry students and a course for ophthalmology residents.

Research: Conducts scientific inquiry into the physical, functional, and psychological consequences of vision impairment.

Publications: *Aging and Vision News*; *Envision* newsletter; and numerous educational booklets, guidebooks, multimedia products, and research articles and monographs.

Lions Clubs International

300 22nd Street

Oak Brook, IL 60521
(708) 571-5466
FAX: (708) 571-8890
Mark C. Lukas, Executive
Administrator

Type of Agency: Administrative headquarters serving over 41,000 Lions Clubs throughout the world.

Mission: Provides community service and promotes better international relations. Has major service interests relating to visually impaired persons. In 1990, announced Sightfirst Program to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness worldwide. Service projects include Lions eye bank programs in which Lions enlist eye donor pledges and serve as a clearinghouse to provide ophthalmologists with corneal tissue for transplant and research. Programs to foster detection, education, and awareness of diabetes are also conducted. Clubs provide glaucoma and other vision testing screenings; sponsor rehabilitation programs for newly blind persons; provide aids and devices for visually impaired persons; make computer training available through individual Lions-supported and vocational facilities; and finance subscriptions to *Juvenile Braille Monthly Magazine*.

Publications: *Lion Magazine*.

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

303 South Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 428-7100
Charles L. Massey, President

Mission: Offers information on genetic counseling and prevention of birth defects. Supports genetic research; offers community programs to improve maternal and child health.

Publications: *Maternal/Newborn Advocate Newsletter; Birth Defects Compendium.*

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation

53 West Jackson Boulevard
Suite 660
Chicago, IL 60604
(800) 541-5454
Anna El-Qudsi, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Promotes detection, treatment, and cure of myasthenia gravis. Conducts professional and public education, scientific symposia. Has 40 chapters nationwide.

Budget: \$300,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Staff: 20.

History/Date: Est. 1952.

Number of Clients Served:
30,000.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: *MG Newsletter.*

Myopia International Research Foundation

1265 Broadway, Room 608
New York, NY 10001
(212) 684-2777
Sylvia N. Rachlin, President

Mission: Promotes research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of progressive myopia. Launched the Myopia International Research Network to promote worldwide coordinated scientific research on myopia by doctors and interested patients.

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped

15 East 40th Street, Suite 1004

New York, NY 10016
(212) 683-5068
FAX: (212) 683-4475
Ruth Westman, Executive Director

Mission: Administers program of standards development and accreditation for programs, agencies and schools serving children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Publishes standards available in print, braille, and cassette tape.

Funded by: Individual contributions, grants from corporations and foundations, and dues from accredited members, sponsors, and supporters.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

National Association for Visually Handicapped

22 West 21 Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
FAX: (212) 727-2951
Lorraine H. Marchi, Founder/
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Health.

Mission: To provide free services, solely for the benefit of the partially seeing, which include counseling in the testing and use of visual aids; supplying kits of information to low vision persons, their families, friends and professionals who serve them; providing large-print publications and a large-print loan library, by mail; furnishing large-print standards to publishers, corporations, and public agencies; offering one to one emotional and peer support sessions; participating in and sponsoring educational outreach programs for laypersons and professionals in the field of low vision.

Funded by: Contributions and membership dues.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

History/Date: Est. 1954 and Inc. 1959.

Number of Clients Served:
111,000.

Area Served: United States and Canada primarily, with information, literature, large-print books, and visual aids supplied internationally as well. Maintains office in San Francisco serving 13 western states.

Transportation: Y.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and guidance to partially seeing adults, including parents of low vision children, their families, friends, and professionals who serve them.

Educational: Conducts adult discussion groups, and seminars for professionals in the low vision field.

Preschools: Serves parents and teaching professionals.

Professional Training: Educates the professional and paraprofessional working with the partially seeing about the nature of partial vision and the special needs of the partially seeing.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Conducts rehabilitation, recreational, social, and educational programs for partially seeing adults.

Recreational: Y.

Low Vision: Y.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Publications: *In Focus* (children); *Seeing Clearly* (adults).

Local Offices:

San Francisco: National Association for Visually Handicapped, 3201 Balboa Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, (415) 221-3201.

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

1112 16th Street, N.W.
Suite 100

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 296-8130

FAX: (202) 296-8134

Jonathan Linkous, Executive Director

Mission: Advocates at the national level for the needs of older persons. Disseminates information to the federal government, other national organizations, and the public.

Publications: *Directory of State and Area Agencies on Aging* (annual).

National Association of State Units on Aging

2033 K. Street, N.W.

Suite 304

Washington, DC 20006

Daniel A. Quirk, Executive Director

Mission: Provides information on state services to older persons and advocates for legislation and funding for such services.

National Birth Defects Center

30 Warren Street

Brighton, MA 02135

(617) 787-5958

FAX: (617) 787-9019

Caroline Hobbs, Administrative Director

Type of Agency: Nonprofit clinic. Evaluates, treats, and provides follow-up to children with birth defects and mental retardation.

Funded by: Genesis Fund.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM; on call off hours.

Staff: Pediatric-geneticists, physicians assistant, genetic fellow, genetic counselor. Pregnancy environmental hot line staff and administrative staff.

Number of Clients Served: 2,000 patient visits per year.

Eligibility: Children with birth defects and their parents.

Area Served: Primarily New England but patients are seen from all over the United States.

Age Requirements: Most patients are under 18.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Genetic counseling; access to other counseling services.

Satellite clinics in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

National Camps for Blind Children

4444 South 52nd Street

Lincoln, NE 68506

(402) 488-0981

FAX: (402) 488-7582

Tom Lowe, Director

Charlene R. Fischer, Coordinator

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Operates summer camps for blind and visually impaired children and adults.

Funded by: Donations; contributions.

Staff: Full-time counselors, nurse, food service personnel.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Eligibility: Legally or totally blind.

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Age Requirements: 9 years-adult.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: CRS (Christian Record

Services) Representatives available for assistance and counseling.

Recreational: Biking, water skiing, hiking, crafts, horseback riding, beeper baseball, archery, swimming, tandem bicycling.

Publications: *Campfire Light*.

National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind

Carroll Center for the Blind

770 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02158-2597

(617) 969-6200

Rachel Rosenbaum, President

Mission: Serves as an advocate concerning issues that relate to programs, operations, and funding affecting voluntary agencies serving blind and visually impaired persons. Acts as a unified voice in negotiating with federal and state agencies about fees and other matters concerning private agencies.

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NEC*TAS)

Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Nations Bank Plaza

137 East Franklin Street, Suite 500

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 962-2001

FAX: (919) 966-7463

Mission: Provides technical assistance to four primary target populations—Part H staff, Interagency Coordinating Council members, Part B—Section 619 staff, and Early Education Program for Children with Disabilities project staff—as well as to various secondary populations to assist them in developing and providing multidisciplinary, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated services for young children with special needs (birth through 8 years of age) and their families. Also strives to link the target populations to facilitate the exchange of information about models of service delivery and best practices.

Publications: Publications list available.

National Easter Seals Society

70 East Lake Street
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 726-6200
James E. Williams, Jr., President

Mission: Conducts programs to serve disabled people. Publishes and disseminates information on rehabilitation. Provides support services for the disabled.

Publications: *Rehabilitation Literature; Easter Seal Communicator.*

National Eye Research Foundation (Optometry)

910 Skokie Boulevard
Suite 207A
Northbrook, IL 60062
(708) 564-4652
FAX: (708) 564-0807
Pamela Baker, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Promotes educational and informational services for doctors and the public.

Funded by: Memberships, donations.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 5.

History/Date: Est. 1955.

Health: Refers for social evaluation/psychological testing and evaluation, school/training placement, nursing homes, community services.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Refers for counseling.

Educational: Referral for appropriate level.

Professional Training: In-service programs, open enrollment from other agencies (doctors of optometry, optometric and ophthalmic assistants).

Rehabilitation: Refers for daily living skills.

Recreational: Refers for continuing education, arts/crafts, hobby groups, camps.

Employment: Refers for prevocational evaluation, career/skill counseling, occupational development, vocational training, placement.

Publications: *Global Contacto.*

Research: Support of clinical research projects.

National Glaucoma Research Program of the American Health Assistance Foundation

15825 Shady Grove Road
Suite 140
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 948-3244
Eugene H. Michaels, President

Mission: Supports glaucoma research. Maintains three programs within the foundation: Coronary Heart Disease, National Glaucoma Research, and Alzheimer's Disease Research.

National Industries for the Blind

524 Hamburg Turnpike, CN 969
Wayne, NJ 07474-0969
(201) 595-9200
FAX: (201) 595-9122
George J. Mertz, President

Mission: Allocates among qualified industries for blind persons purchase orders of the federal government for approved goods and services as designed by the President's Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped. Coordinates the production of 106 industries in 36 states. Researches and recommends new products, prices, and price revisions to the President's Committee. Devises quality control systems, provides management and engineering services to increase plant efficiency and broaden production

opportunities for people who are blind.

Funded by: Commission fees paid by the associated industries for the blind.

Staff: 105.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1938.

Area Served: United States.

Professional Training: Conducts management and technical training programs for personnel from NIB - associated industries.

Publications: *Opportunity; Annual Report.*

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013-1492
(703) 893-6061 or TDD (800) 893-8614 or (800) 999-5599

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Acts as a national information clearinghouse on subjects relating to children and youths with disabilities.

Funded by: Contracts with the U.S. Department of Education.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

Staff: 14 full time.

Area Served: United States.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

733 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
(212) 986-3240 or (800) 532-7667
FAX: (212) 986-7981
Michael J. Dugan, President and Chief Executive Officer

Mission: Sponsors research; provides information and education, recreational counseling, and therapeutic services.

Funded by: Donations.

Budget: \$28,000,000.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1946.

Number of Clients Served:

Information Resource Center serves 40,000 people annually.

Area Served: United States.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Referrals to services at local chapters.

Educational: Informational materials about multiple sclerosis and related issues.

Rehabilitation: Referral to local chapters.

Recreational: Referral to local chapters.

Employment: Referral to local chapters.

Computer Training: Referral to local chapters.

Low Vision: Information and referral to low vision agencies.

Publications: *Inside MS* (members only); *Therapeutic Claims in Multiple Sclerosis*; *Research on Multiple Sclerosis*; *Maximizing Your Health*.

144 chapters and branches throughout the United States.

National Self-Help Clearinghouse

25 West 43rd Street, Room 620
New York, NY 10036
(212) 642-2944
FAX: (212) 719-2488
Frank Riessman

Type of Agency: Information and referral.

Mission: Trains leaders of self-help groups; publishes and distributes pamphlets on how to start self-help groups; conducts research on the effectiveness of self-help groups; sponsors conferences; provides information and referral.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Publications: Publishes newsletter, *Self-Help Reporter*, four times a year.

National Society to Prevent Blindness

500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(708) 843-2020 or (800) 221-3004
or (800) 331-2020 NSPB Center for Sight
FAX: (708) 843-8458
Robert S. Bolan, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Through state affiliates, conducts a program of public and professional education, research, and industrial and community services to prevent blindness. Services include promotion and support of local glaucoma and preschool vision screening programs, industrial eye safety, collection of statistical and other data on nature and extent of causes of blindness and defective vision, and improvement of environmental conditions affecting eye health in schools and colleges. Supports research on eye diseases in laboratories and medical schools. Conducts public and professional education programs including publications, films, exhibits, and conferences. Maintains the NSPB Fight for Sight research division, the NSPB Center for Sight toll-free information line, and the NSPB Center for Eye Safety, a nationwide source of information and statistics.

Funded by: Contributions, Federal Service Campaign, and endowment.

History/Date: Est. 1908 and Inc. 1918.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Prevent Blindness News*; *Sightsaving*.

New Eyes for the Needy

549 Millburn Avenue
P.O. Box 332
Short Hills, NJ 07078
(201) 376-4903
Joyce Wiggin, Office Manager

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides eyeglasses for those who cannot afford to buy them.

Funded by: Donations.

Budget: \$231,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

Staff: 10.

History/Date: Est. 1932.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 3,000.

Eligibility: Medically indigent. Letter to referral from social service agency.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: Newsletter.

Overbrook International Overbrook School for the Blind

6333 Malvern Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151
(215) 878-8700
FAX: (215) 878-8886
Annke Farago, Director,
International Program

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: To quickly spread knowledge of the newest technologies, such as computer technology, in the education of blind students, by instructing students and teachers from foreign countries, hosting conferences with international guest speakers, and disseminating information through media representatives and coordinators abroad.

Funded by: Endowments, contributions, tuition.

History/Date: Est. 1985.

Physicians Education Network

5013 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(813) 321-2258
George P. Russell, Executive
Director

Mission: Promotes quality eye health care. Sponsors National Eye Health Care Month every January. Promotes legislation in the interest of good eye care.

Publications: *PEN*.

Project Orbis

330 West 42nd Street, Suite 1900
New York, NY 10036
(212) 244-2525
Oliver I. Foot, Executive Director

Mission: Combats eye disease by sending ophthalmologists to foreign countries to train and educate eye personnel via Orbis Hospital, a specially equipped airplane.

Publications: *Orbis Update Newsletter*.

Research to Prevent Blindness

598 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 752-4333 or (800) 621-0026
Toll-free
FAX: (212) 688-6231
David F. Weeks, President

Mission: Supports clinical and basic eye research into causes, treatment, and prevention of all eye diseases through annual financial grants to more than 60 U. S. medical institutions and through awards, professorships, and fellowships to selected vision scientists. Stimulates growth of modern eye research facilities by underwriting major laboratory construction programs. Assists departments of ophthalmology in the development and improvement of advances in technological equipment for eye research,

diagnosis, and therapy. Provides incentives to attract scientists to eye research and serves as a medium for the exchange of scientific information. Provides a voice for eye research among the nation's health interests. The Board of Trustees plans programs with the advice of a permanent scientific advisory panel drawn from many scientific disciplines and an ad hoc committee of ophthalmic investigators. Provides information on eye research to the public, press, and other institutions.

Funded by: Contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations.

Staff: 11 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1960.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Progress Report Newsletter; Biennial Eye Research Seminar Papers*.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.)

1401 Mt. Royal Avenue
Fourth Floor
Baltimore, MD 21217-4245
(410) 225-9409 (Voice and TDD) or
(800) 683-5555
FAX: (410) 225-3936
Robert M. Gray, Executive Director

Mission: Strives to discover the cause, prevention, and treatment of retinitis pigmentosa and allied inherited retinal degenerations through research. Awards research grants. Maintains public education, eye donor, information and referral, and retina donor programs. Maintains a national registry of patients. Regional and national workshops for volunteers and professionals are held periodically. Has affiliates throughout the US involved in information and referral,

experience sharing, public information, and fund raising.

Funded by: Contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: All materials are in an accessible format.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1971.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Fighting Blindness News*.

Schepens Eye Research Institute

20 Stanford Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 742-3140
Dr. Charles L. Schepens, President

Mission: Pursues research activities and fields relating to the retina, vitreous, and cornea, with strong collaboration between clinic and laboratory studies in the fields of retinal and corneal diseases.

Funded by: U.S. government, foundations, private agencies, and individuals.

History/Date: Est. 1950. Formerly called the Retina Foundation.

Publications: *Sundial Newsletter*.

Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute

Rehabilitation Engineering Center
2232 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 561-1619 or (415) 561-1620
Arthur Jampolsky, Director
John Brabyn, Co-director

Mission: Conducts rehabilitation engineering research and development in orientation/mobility, low vision, vocational educational, recreational, and deaf-blind aids.

Funded by: Federal and private grants.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Publications: Publishes a variety of materials on technical issues.

Taping for the Blind

3935 Essex Lane
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 622-2767
FAX: (713) 622-2772
Jean DiFrances, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To provide audio versions of written materials for all persons whose reading ability is impaired, in order to expand their access to printed information.

Funded by: Private donations.

Budget: \$200,000.

Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day.

Staff: 4 full time and more than 200 volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1967.

Eligibility: Print handicapped.

Area Served: Radio reading service. 33 neighboring counties. Special request service. National.

Educational: Request, will record textbooks on audio cassette.

Reading: On request, will record any printed material not available on tape elsewhere. A 24 hour/day radio reading service of local and national publications, books, newspapers, and other materials.

Publications: *Open Mike* news letter.

Traces Project (Teaching Research Assistance to Children Experiencing Sensory Impairments)

Teaching Research Division
Northwestern Oregon State College
345 North Monmouth Avenue

Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 838-8391 or TDD: (503) 838-2256

FAX: (503) 838-8150
H.D. Bud Fredericks, Director,
(503) 838-8401
Bruce A. Dalke, Coordinator,
(503) 838-8807
Mark Schalock, Evaluation
Specialist, (503) 838-8777
Victor L. Baldwin, Deaf/Blind
Count Coordinator, (503) 838-8391
Bruce Bull, Resource Coordinator,
(503) 838-8403

Mission: Provides technical assistance to all state and multistate deaf-blind projects, funded under 34 CFR 307.11, serving children who are deaf-blind. Conducts needs assessments and delivers assistance in a variety of forms with a focus on improving the quality of placements and services for deaf-blind children. Also maintains a regional consulting network consisting of Western, North Central/Northeast, and South Central/Southeast regions.

United Cerebral Palsy Association

330 West 34th Street
13th Floor
New York, NY 10001
(212) 356-1200 or (800) 872-1827
(USA-1UCP)
Michael Parker, Executive Director

Mission: Day treatment and residential programs for developmentally disabled persons.

United States Braille Chess Foundation

c/o Mac Garner
318 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37801
(615) 983-7635
Mac Garner, President

Mission: Popularizes chess for blind persons. Sponsors tournaments.

Publications: *Newsletter* (on cassette).

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America

1101 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Suite 803
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 833-0089
FAX: (202) 833-0086
Robert Humphreys, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Coalition of public and private organizations of and for the blind to advance services and the rights of blind and visually impaired people.

Mission: Advocates for improvement of the social and economic conditions of the blind and visually impaired.

Publications: *ALL-O-GRAMS Newsletter*.

American Academy of Ophthalmology

655 Beach Street
P.O. Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
(415) 561-8500
Bruce E. Spivey, M.D., Executive Vice President

Mission: Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists and quality care in ophthalmology. Publishes informational material for professionals and the public. Sponsors the National Eye Care Project to give free eye care to the elderly.

Publications: *Argus Newsletter; Ophthalmology; Biographical Directory of AAO*.

American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

c/o Arthur L. Rosenbaum, M.D./
Jules Stein Eye Institute
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(213) 825-2872
Arthur L. Rosenbaum, Secretary/
Treasurer

Mission: Advances quality eye care for children through educational training programs for pediatric ophthalmologists. Sets ethical standards of practice and informs professionals of latest developments in the field. Conducts research programs.

Publications: *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus*.

American Association for the Deaf-Blind

814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 588-6545
FAX: (301) 588-8705
Joy Larson

Type of Agency: Membership association.

Mission: Provides information and technical assistance to deaf-blind persons, families, educators, and service providers; holds an annual convention; has network of chapters around the country.

Staff: 2.

History/Date: Est. 1937.

Number of Clients Served: 600 members.

Area Served: National.

Publications: Quarterly magazine, *Deaf-Blind American*.

American Association of Certified Orthoptists

Eye Clinic
Shands Hospital

Gainesville, FL 32610
(904) 392-3111
Barbara Cassin, President

Mission: Promotes education, training, and placement of orthoptists. Maintains library in Georgia relating to treatment of defects in binocular function and low visual acuity.

Publications: *Prism; American Orthoptic Journal*.

American Association of Retired Persons

601 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20049
(202) 434-2277 (AARP)
FAX: (202) 434-6499 (Disability initiative)
Horace B. Deets, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Consumer.

Mission: Serves its membership of older Americans by offering a range of community services and educational programs, including technical assistance on legal issues, insurance, and a wide variety of consumer products and services and information dissemination on consumer affairs, health and disability issues, and advocacy.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

Staff: Approximately 1,600.

Number of Clients Served: 34 million members.

Publications: Publishes a wide range of public education and consumer materials as well as *Modern Maturity*.

American Blind Bowling Association

3500 Terry Drive
Norfolk, VA 23518
(804) 857-7267
Gilbert A. Bagui, Secretary/
Treasurer

Mission: Promotes bowling for blind people. Sanctions leagues and sponsors tournaments.

Publications: *The Blind Bowler*.

American Blind Lawyers Association

c/o Dave P. Adams
Office of U.S. Trustee
362 Richard Russell Building
75 Spring Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 331-4437
FAX: (404) 331-4464
Dave P. Adams, President

Mission: Addresses special problems of blind people in the legal profession. Promotes production of braille or recorded law materials and maintains an index of these materials.

American Blind Skiing Foundation

610 South William Street
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
(708) 255-1739
Sam Skobel, Executive Director

Mission: Volunteers teach skiing and hold races.

Area Served: Chicago and its suburbs; nationwide for information.

Educational: Skiing instruction.

Recreational: Skiing and other activities.

American Council of the Blind

1155 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666
FAX: (202) 467-5085
Oral O. Miller, National Representative

Type of Agency: Affiliation of individual members and occupational, special interest, and state groups.

Mission: Promotes effective participation of blind people in all aspects of society. Acts as national information clearinghouse. Provides information and referral; legal assistance and representation; scholarships; leadership and legislative training; consumer advocate support; assistance in technological research; speaker referral service; consultative and advisory services to individuals, organizations, and agencies; and program development assistance. Maintains offices across the United States.

Funded by: Contributions and membership fees.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:30 PM, EST.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1961.

Area Served: United States and its territories.

Publications: *The Braille Forum* (braille, large print, and cassette).

American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)

Department of Special Education
University of Utah
221 Milton Bennion Hall
Salt Lake City, UT 84112
(801) 585-5659
Jerry White, Chair, National Advisory Board
Joan Sebastian, Coordinator
M. Winston Egan, Coordinator

Mission: Improves direct services to rural agencies and individuals that serve disabled persons and increases educational opportunities for rural handicapped and gifted students. Serves as advocate for rural special education at federal, state, regional, and local levels; distributes information on rural special education needs; conducts task forces on rural problems and professional training; maintains resource linkage system.

Publications: *Rural Special Education Quarterly*; *Ruralink* (newsletter).

American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800
Rev. Msgr. Paul Lackner, President

Type of Agency: Membership organization open to Catholic agencies for the blind, their employees, and Catholic employees of other agencies.

Mission: Works to provide greater understanding of Catholic social principles in work for the blind and to offer a forum for examination of mutual problems.

Funded by: Membership dues.

History/Date: Est. 1955.

Area Served: United States and Canada.

American Optometric Association

243 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-4100
FAX: (314) 991-4101
Earle Hunter, O.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Joint United States-Canadian membership organization.

Mission: Improves the quality of vision care through promoting high standards, continuing education, information dissemination, and professional involvement. Conducts conferences; operates placement service; maintains optometric museum and library; also maintains Virginia office.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Publications: *AOA News*; *Journal of the American Optometric Association*.

Maintains low vision section, consisting of optometric practitioners in low vision field provides continuing education for low vision optometricists. Referral source for low vision professionals in optometry.

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

4000 Legato Road
Suite 850
Fairfax, VA 22033
(703) 591-2220
FAX: (703) 591-0614
David A. Karcher, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit medical association.

Mission: Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists doing cataract and refraction surgery. Informs public about intraocular implantation. Conducts research.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: 13.

Publications: *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*;
Administrative Ophthalmology;
monthly Washington newsletter.

American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses

P.O. Box 193030
San Francisco, CA 94119
(415) 561-8513
Pamela Schultz, President
Sue Brown, Administrator.

Mission: Advances quality eye nursing care through continuing education, certification, research, and administration.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Eligibility: Registered nurse.

Area Served: International.

Publications: *Insight, The Journal of the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses.*

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

206 North Washington Street, Suite 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 548-1884
Kathleen Megivern, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Joint United States-Canadian membership organization.

Mission: Promotes all phases of education and work for blind and visually impaired persons of all ages. Seeks to expand the opportunities for visually impaired persons to take a contributory place in society. Operates a job exchange and reference information center. Certifies rehabilitation teachers, orientation and mobility specialists, and classroom teachers. Cooperates with colleges and universities in conferences and workshops. Works on local, regional, national, and international levels.

Publications: *AER Report*; *Job Exchange Monthly*; *RE: View*.

Association for Macular Diseases

210 East 64th Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 605-3719
Nikolai Stevenson, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides information and education. Maintains support group for persons with macular degeneration. Funds eye bank devoted to research on macular degeneration.

Funded by: Membership dues; contributions.

Staff: Volunteer.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served: Over 4,000 members.

Eligibility: Services restricted to current members.

Area Served: International.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Individual and group counseling.

Publications: *Newsletter*.

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)

11201 Greenwood Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98133
(206) 361-8870 or (206) 361-0113 (TDD)
FAX: (206) 361-9208
Liz Lindley, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit membership organization.

Mission: Advocates quality education, from birth through adulthood, for persons with disabilities. Advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities in legal proceedings. Disseminates updated information on solutions to problems, research findings, trends, and practices relevant to people with severe disabilities. Maintains library; bestows awards.

Funded by: Membership dues.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

History/Date: Inc. 1975.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Publications: Monthly newsletter, quarterly journal, and special publications of interest disseminated through Tash Publication List.

Contact central office for listing of chapters in local areas.

Governmental activities office:
TASH Office of Government Relations, 1600 Prince Street, Suite 115, Alexandria, VA, 22314, (703) 683-5586, FAX (703) 548-6191,

Celane McWhorter, Director of Governmental Activities.

Association of Junior Leagues

660 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016
(212) 683-1515
Marybeth Bernhardt Fidler,
Executive Director

Mission: Serves in an advisory and coordinating capacity to 252 Junior Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Through many Junior Leagues, volunteers are provided to organizations for the blind; to educational and informational community projects focused on the prevention of blindness; and to community rehabilitation programs for blind persons.

Association of Visual Science Librarians

Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center
Merrill Reed Ophthalmology Library
1040 N.W. 22nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97210
(503) 229-7678 or (503) 229-8016
FAX: (503) 790-1201
Madelyn Hall, President

Mission: Promotes information services in ophthalmology and optometry. Conducts institutes, workshops, and training courses for professional personnel. Provides legislative consultation.

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

P.O. Box 21192
Columbus, OH 43221
(614) 488-4972 (voice/TDD)
FAX: (614) 488-1174
Jane E. Jarrow, Executive Director

Mission: Provides leadership, focus, and expertise for professionals. Committed to

promoting full participation of individuals with disabilities in postsecondary education and to upgrading quality of services available. Provides workshops, training programs, publications, conferences. Has special interest group for blindness; visual impairment.

Employment: National resume database for students with disabilities.

Publications: *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*; *ALERT Newsletter*.

Blinded Veterans Association

477 H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001-2694
(202) 371-8880 or (800) 669-7079
FAX: (202) 371-8258
Ronald L. Miller, Ph.D., Executive Director

Type of Agency: Veterans service organization.

Mission: Encourages and assists all blinded veterans to take advantage of rehabilitation and vocational training benefits, job placement assistance, and other aid from federal, state, and local resources by means of a field service program. Promotes extension of sound legislation and rehabilitation through liaison with other agencies. Through 38 regional groups and field service offices, operates volunteer service program for blinded veterans in their communities and provides information and referral services.

Funded by: Contributions, membership dues.

Budget: \$1.7 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 15.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Number of Clients Served: 2,000 yearly.

Eligibility: Any blind or legally blind veteran.

Area Served: United States and its territories.

Age Requirements: 17 years and over.

Educational: Public education and publications program.

Publications: *BVA Bulletin* (published six times per year and sent free in large print to all blinded veterans known in U.S.).

Local Offices:

Region III: VA Regional Office, Room 645, 730 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30308, (404) 347-3760, (800) 669-7079, Norman Jones.

Region I: VA Regional Office, 1200 Main Street, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, (617) 565-2565, (800) 669-7079, Lawrence Grant.

Region IV: VA Regional Office, Vets Assistance Section, 536 South Clark Street, Room 488, P.O. Box 8136, M/P 80, Chicago, IL 60680, (312) 353-1740, (800) 669-7079, Arthur Mathews, Jr.

Region V: VA Regional Office, Room 402, Box 25125, 44 Union Boulevard, Denver, CO 80225, (303) 980-2502, (800) 669-7079.

Region VI: VA Outpatient Clinic, 4600 Broadway, Room 188, Sacramento, CA 95820, (916) 731-7329, (800) 669-7079, Lazaro Martinez, Jr.

Region II: Blinded Veterans Association, VA Regional Office, Ninth Floor, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Room 9105, Washington, DC 20421, (202) 208-1331, (800) 669-7079.

Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists

c/o Dr. Oliver H. Dabezies, Jr.
2620 Jena Street

New Orleans, LA 70115

(504) 891-5442

Dr. Oliver H. Dabezies, Jr.,
Executive Vice President

Mission: Disseminates information on ophthalmology. Addresses problems related to contact lenses.

Publications: *CLAO: Journal of the Contact Lens Association.*

Council for Exceptional Children

1920 Association Drive

Reston, VA 22091

(703) 620-3660

FAX: (703) 264-9494

Dr. George E. Ayers, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Joint United States-Canadian membership organization.

Mission: Strives to improve educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. Accomplishes its worldwide mission on behalf of special educators and others working with children with exceptionalities by advocating for appropriate government policies; setting professional standards; providing continuing professional development; and assisting professionals to obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

Budget: \$6 million.

History/Date: Est. 1922.

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

5707 Brockton Drive

No. 302

Indianapolis, IN 46220-5481

(317) 254-1155 or (317) 254-1185
or (800) 733-2258

FAX: (317) 251-6588

Patricia Price, President

Mission: Promotes rights of partially sighted individuals to maximize use of their residual

vision. Educates the public to the needs of the visually impaired.

Informs persons with low vision of available services. Support groups and chapters throughout the United States.

Funded by: Membership dues and donations; publication subscriptions.

Budget: \$50,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Staff: All volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1978.

Number of Clients Served:

Publication readership: 3,000.

Members: 2,200.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Support groups.

Educational: Scholarship programs.

Publications: *CCLV News.*

Local Offices:

Anaheim: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 2879 East Alden Place, Anaheim, CA 92806, (714) 630-8098, Coletta Davis, Chapter President.

Anderson: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 2207 Raintree Drive, Anderson, IN 46011, (317) 649-4906, Gary Guidry, Chapter President.

Dunwoody: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 4730 Vermack Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338, (404) 527-7150, Ruth Baehr, Chapter President.

Falls Church: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 6001 Arlington Boulevard, Apt. 604, Falls Church, VA 22044, (703) 671-7673, Doris Ray, Chapter President.

Kettering: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 1357 East David Road, Kettering, OH 45429-5703, (513) 294-6524, Carl E. Foley, Chapter President.

Mesquite: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 1520 Springbrook, P.O. Box 851274, Mesquite, TX 75185, (214) 289-0420, Bob Wilhite, Chapter President.

Palm Harbor: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 237 Maple Avenue, Palm Harbor, FL 34684, (813) 937-8631, Sharon Youngs, Chapter President.

Philadelphia: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 1900 Pine Street, Second Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 546-5872, Glenda V. Such, Chapter President.

Pittsburgh: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 509 Cato Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, (412) 681-3970, Jayne Leone, Chapter President.

Redford: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, 26695 Southwestern, Redford, MI 48239, (313) 937-9687, Sue Illingworth, Chapter President.

Council of Executives of American Residential Schools for the Visually Handicapped

c/o Maryland School for the Blind
3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236
(301) 444-5000

Louis M. Tutt, Superintendent

Type of Agency: Organization of chief executive officers of residential schools in the United States and Canada.

Mission: Serves as an information clearinghouse and advocate for areas of interest relating to residential schools for blind and visually impaired persons.

Council of Families with Visual Impairment

c/o American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street, N.W., Suite 720

Washington, DC 20005
(202) 393-3666 or (202) 467-5081
FAX: (202) 467-5085
Nola Webb, President

Type of Agency: Support group of parents of blind and visually impaired children.

Publications: *Reflections Newsletter.*

Council of Rehabilitation Specialists

c/o American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666
Juliet Bindt Esterly, President

Type of Agency: Organization of professionals in rehabilitation and social services.

Mission: Promotes the establishment of professional and academic standards and adequate rehabilitation services for all blind and visually impaired persons.

Guide Dog Users

c/o American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(310) 998-8243 or (202) 467-5081
or (800) 424-8666
FAX: (202) 467-5081
Cherri Pomerantz, President

Type of Agency: Support group.

Mission: Maintains rehabilitation facilities for acceptance of guide dogs by blind persons. Supports legislation in the interest of blind persons.

Independent Visually Impaired Enterprises

c/o American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street N.W.
Suite 720

Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666
Arnold Austin, President

Mission: Promotes small business opportunities for blind and visually impaired persons. Affiliated with American Council of the Blind.

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 317
Watertown, MA 02272-0317
(800) 562-6265
Susan E. Laventure, Executive Director
Eileen A. Hudson, President

Type of Agency: Organization for parents and agencies.

Mission: Provides support to parents and families of visually impaired children and youths. Operates national clearinghouse for information, education, and referral. Fosters communication among federal, state, and local agencies that provide services or funding for services to visually impaired children and youths. Promotes public understanding of the needs and rights of visually impaired children and youths; supports state and local parents groups and workshops that educate and train parents in service potential and their children's rights.

Publications: *Awareness* (newsletter).

National Association of Blind Teachers

c/o American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street, N.W., Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081
FAX: (202) 467-5085
John Buckley, President

Mission: Supports blind teachers in addressing problems involved in the performance of their professional duties. Promotes

employment. Disseminates information.

Publications: *Work Center Memo; Newsletter; Work Center Directory.*

National Association of State Directors of Special Education

2021 K Street, N.W.
Suite 315
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 296-1800
James R. Galloway, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Professional society to improve educational opportunities of exceptional children.

Publications: *SpecialNet* electronic communications network and numerous bulletin boards.

National Association of Vision Professionals

1775 Church Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 234-1010
FAX: (202) 234-1020
Arnold Simonse, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Association of persons working in vision screening and eye health education.

Mission: Promotes intercommunication among vision professionals conducting programs in organizations. Promotes professional standards. Certifies vision screening personnel.

Funded by: Dues.

Budget: \$25,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Staff: 1.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness

175 North Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 972-7347
FAX: (617) 923-8076
Steven Davies, Executive Secretary

Type of Agency: Private; non-profit.

Mission: Advocates on behalf of the interests of deaf-blind children and adults via maintaining contact with legislators and policymaking agencies. The coalition is comprised of national organizations that have an interest in services to deaf-blind people, and individual members including professionals, parents, and consumers interested in influencing such services.

Funded by: Membership dues.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1987.

Area Served: National.

Publications: Newsletter and legislative updates sent to membership several times per year.

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind

1213 29th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 298-8468
David S. Vogel, President

Mission: Promotes communication among agencies involved in preventing blindness and offering services to severely visually impaired individuals.

National Federation of the Blind

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
Marc Maurer, President

Mission: Works to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons. Provides evaluations of present programs and assistance in establishing new ones. Grants scholarships to blind persons. Has

a public education program including speakers' bureau. Has several special interest divisions, including those for diabetics, educators, lawyers, parents of blind children, students, and public employees. Has affiliates in all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Funded by: Contributions.

History/Date: Est. 1940 and Inc. 1949.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: *The Braille Monitor*; *Future Reflections* (for parents of blind children); *Voice of the Diabetic*.

National Marfan Foundation

382 Main Street
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 883-8712 or (800) 862-7326
(800) 8-MARFAN
Priscilla Ciccariello, Chair

Mission: Disseminates information about Marfan syndrome to patients, family members, and physicians; provides means for patients and relatives to share experiences and support; fosters research and public education.

Funded by: Members.

Budget: \$100,000.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM.

Staff: 2.

History/Date: Est. 1981.

Number of Clients Served: 10,000 on mailing list.

Area Served: United States.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Self-help.

Educational: Current informational materials on Marfan syndrome available on request; annual conference sponsored.

Low Vision Follow-up: A variety of publications and educational materials, including *A Bibliography of the Marfan Syndrome* and

Associated Disorders, *The Marfan Syndrome*, and *NMF Fact Sheet*.

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH)

1500 Locust Street
Suite 1816
Philadelphia, PA 19102
(215) 545-2322 or (800) 473-2310
Janice L. Knieth, President

Type of Agency: Non-profit consumer organization; self-help group.

Mission: Provides information on albinism and hypopigmentation; provides peer support; sponsors conferences on the subject; publishes a newsletter regularly. Has network of state chapters. Founding-member of Albinism World Alliance.

Funded by: Membership dues, contributions, and grants.

Budget: 1990-91: \$21,471.

Hours of Operation: 24-hour voice mail.

Program Accessibility: All print materials provided in 14-point type.

Staff: No paid staff. Operated by members on a volunteer basis.

History/Date: Est. 1982.

Number of Clients Served: 850 members. Local chapters in 38 states.

Eligibility: Persons with albinism, their families, friends, and the professionals working with them.

Area Served: Primarily United States, but no restrictions.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Self-help groups.

Low Vision: Informational bulletin on low vision.

Low Vision Aids: Available.

Publications: Informational bulletins and newsletters.

For information about reaching the local chapters, contact the main office in Philadelphia.

Opticians Association of America

10341 Democracy Lane
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 691-8355
FAX: (703) 691-3928
Paul Houghland, Jr., C.A.E.,
Executive Director

Type of Agency: Private, nonprofit.

Mission: Strives to advance the science of prescribing and grinding corrective lenses and optical instruments; disseminates information about the field.

Staff: 20.

Publications: *Dispensing Optician*.

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

819 Taylor Street, Seventh Floor
Federal Building Coffee Shop
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 645-2682
Gene Heisler, President

Mission: Promotes education and legislation to improve vending facility programs for blind persons.

Funded by: Membership.

Staff: Board of Directors.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 3,000 nationwide.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: *Vendorscope*.

RESNA

1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 857-1199 Voice and TDD
FAX: (202) 223-4579

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Serves as an information center to address research, and the development, dissemination,

integration, and utilization of knowledge in rehabilitation and assistive technology.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Program Accessibility: Fully accessible.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: List available on request.

United States Association for Blind Athletes

33 North Institute Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 630-0422
FAX: (719) 578-4654
Roger Neppl, Executive Director

Mission: Promotes sports involvement for blind people.

Funded by: Membership, foundation grants, corporate gifts, contributions.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 3 full time. Uses volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1976.

Eligibility: Legally blind.

Area Served: National. Has representatives in each state.

Professional Training: Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

Recreational: Swimming; track; wrestling; gymnastics; goal ball; skiing; skating; power lifting; judo.

Publications: Monthly newsletter, *Agenda*; quarterly magazine, *Visions*.

Visually Impaired Piano Tuners International

1965 East Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48234
(313) 891-9226
Stanley Oliver

Mission: Preserves and promotes specialized work with pianos for

qualified visually impaired persons; advances training efforts; issues quarterly newsletters on cassette.

Funded by: Membership.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1988.

Number of Clients Served:

Approximately 75.

Eligibility: Blind or partially sighted.

Publications: Cassette newsletter.

CANADA
FEDERAL AGENCIES
NATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS
NATIONAL CONSUMER
AND PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIP
ORGANIZATIONS

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Canadian Parks Service Special Visitor Needs Office

25 Eddy Street
Fourth Floor
Hull, PQ K1A 0H3
(819) 994-2847
FAX: (819) 994-5140

Mission: Ensures that Canada's national parks and national historic sites are accessible and barrier free to all persons with disabilities.

Employment and Immigration Canada

Employment Equity Branch

140 Promenade du Portage
Hull, PQ K1A 0J9
(819) 953-7552
FAX: (819) 953-8768

Bernard Valcourt, Minister of
Employment and Immigration

Mission: Ensures that blind and visually impaired Canadians have equal access to the programs and services of Employment and Immigration Canada through the removal of attitudinal, systematic, and physical barriers.

National Health and Welfare Disabled Persons Unit

Room 1101
Finance Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, ON K1A 1B5
(613) 957-2886 or (613) 952-7128
FAX: (613) 941-3550

Benoit Bouchard, Minister

Mission: Under the National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities, administers a contribution program to support social, community, and economic integration of disabled

persons. Also helps promote and administer independent living center programs.

National Library of Canada

395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4
(613) 996-1623

Mission: Maintains comprehensive information on Canadian libraries and agencies serving people with disabilities, as well as on special format materials available to disabled persons.

National Transportation Agency Transport Canada

Transportation Services for Disabled Persons

Ottawa, ON K1A 0N9
(819) 997-6828 or TDD (819) 997-6829
FAX: (819) 953-5564

Mission: Attends to the removal of undue obstacles to the mobility of travelers with disabilities in Canada's national transportation system through the resolution of complaints by travelers and through the formulation and implementation of regulations to improve accessibility.

Secretary of State of Canada Status of Disabled Persons Secretariat

Ottawa, ON K1A 0M5
(613) 994-5692
FAX: (613) 997-7836
Robert de Cotret, Secretary of State
Nancy Lawand, Executive Director,
Secretariat

Mission: Assists in the development of policies and programs that promote equality and independence for persons with disabilities. Advocates regarding issues of concern to disabled persons and promotes research and

the development of resources and information.

Transport Canada Transportation of Disabled Persons Secretariat

Place de Ville
Tower C
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5
(613) 991-6411
FAX: (613) 991-6422
Jean Corbiel, Minister of Transport

Mission: Enhances progress toward an accessible national transportation system by developing transportation policy and by providing advice and financial support.

Treasury Board of Canada Employment Equity, Human Resources Division

300 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1A 0R5
(613) 952-3020 or (613) 957-9090
Gilles Loiselle, President, Treasury
Board

Mission: Develops and administers a broad range of policies and guidelines for all government departments with respect to the provision of services to persons with disabilities.

Veterans Affairs Canada Program Administration Branch

P.O. Box 7700
Charlottetown, PE C1A 8M9
(902) 566-8114
FAX: (902) 566-8525
Gerald Merrithew, Minister of
Veterans Affairs

Mission: Operates programs through which blind veterans are equally eligible with other veterans for a wide range of benefits and services and receive special equipment and supplementary benefits specifically related to their blindness.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Blind Organization of Ontario with Selfhelp Tactics (BOOST)

597 Parliament Street
Suite B-3
Toronto, ON M4X 1W3
(416) 964-6838

Mission: To affect legislation, employment, and public education. Publishes *The Third Eye*, a quarterly newsletter. Engages in lobbying, and arranges for visually impaired speakers and seminars on general issues for visually impaired persons.

Braille Authority of North America

1155 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081
FAX: (202) 467-5085
Hilda Caton

See Braille Authority of North America in U.S. national listings.

Canadian Blind Sports Association

1600 James Naismith Drive
Gloucester, ON K1B 5N4
(613) 748-5609
FAX: (613) 748-5731
Ross Bates, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit national sport organization.

Mission: To facilitate the provision of national and international sport opportunities for Canadians who are legally blind.

Funded by: Government, membership, internal fund raising, corporate donations.

Budget: \$325,000.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 2 full time.

Number of Clients Served: 10 provincial associations; 500-600 athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

Area Served: Canada.

Age Requirements: All ages.

Recreational: Offers a wide range of programs to promote integration of blind athletes into sports and recreation programs.

Publications: *Activity Integration Program: Integrating the Visually Impaired Student into Physical Education, A Teacher's Resource Manual.*

Provincial affiliates in Alberta, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Department of Government Relations and International Services

320 McLeod Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 1A3
(613) 563-4021
FAX: (613) 232-9070
James W. Sanders, National Director, Government Relations and International Services

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

National Office

1931 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ON M4G 4C8
(416) 480-7580
FAX: (416) 480-7677
Euclid J. Herie, President

Type of Agency: Service and rehabilitation.

Mission: To ameliorate the lives of blind persons in Canada; to prevent

blindness, and to promote sight-enhancement services.

Funded by: Government funds, United Way, private donations.

Budget: \$50 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., business hours.

Staff: Approximately 2,000 nationally.

History/Date: Est. 1918.

Number of Clients Served: 70,000 clients on record; 8,000 new clients added annually.

Area Served: All of Canada, through a network of divisional offices.

Transportation: Y.

Age Requirements: None.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Available.

Reading: Y.

Rehabilitation: Seven core services of CNIB are counseling and referral; rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility instruction; sight enhancement; technical aids; career development and employment; and library services.

Employment: Employment counseling.

Computer Training: Y.

Low Vision: Assessments.

Low Vision Aids: Y.

Low Vision Follow-up: Y.

Publications: A wide variety.

Provides a wide variety of rehabilitation and other services, including the operation of a career development center, eye bank, music library, reference library, and summer camp.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

P.O. Box 151200
San Rafael, CA 94915
(415) 499-4000
FAX: (415) 499-4035
Bruce Benzler, Executive Director

See Guide Dogs for the Blind in U.S. state listings.

John Milton Society for the Blind in Canada

40 St. Clair Avenue, East, Suite 202
Toronto, ON M4T 1M9
(416) 960-3953

Mission: Provides Christian materials in large print and braille or on audiotape to Canada's blind and visually impaired population. Publishes quarterly magazines and maintains an audio cassette library.

Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 Rochester Road
Rochester, MI 48307
(313) 651-9011
Harold L. Pocklington, Vice President/Executive Director

See Leader Dogs for the Blind in U.S. state listings.

National Camps for Blind Children

4444 South 52nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 488-0981
FAX: (402) 488-7582
Tom Lowe, Director
Charlene R. Fischer, Coordinator

See National Camps for Blind Children in U.S. national listings.

Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU)

Box 123, Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 2H6
(403) 283-6323

Mission: To encourage, develop, and fund sight restoration and blindness prevention programs in the developing world.

Local Offices:

Central Canada Region: 759
Warden Avenue, Scarborough, ON
M1L 4B5, (416) 759-8011.

Pilot Dogs, Inc.

625 West Town Street
Columbus, OH 43215-4496
(614) 221-6367
J. Jay Gray, Executive Director

See Pilot Dogs, Inc. in U.S. state listings.

Retinitis Pigmentosa Eye Research Foundation

366 Adelaide Street West, Suite 704
Toronto, ON M5V 1R9
(416) 598-4951

Mission: Promotes and supports research on the cause, treatment, and cure of retinitis pigmentosa and other retinal degenerative diseases. Has a network of local chapters through which it strives to create public awareness and provide support for persons with retinitis pigmentosa and their families.

Seeing Eye, Inc.

Washington Valley Road
Morristown, NJ 07960
(201) 539-4425
Dennis J. Murphy, President

See Seeing Eye, Inc. in U.S. state listings.

Ski for Light (Canada) Inc.

2520 Glenview Avenue
Kamloops, BC V2B 4L4
(604) 376-6504
Clarence Iversen, President

Mission: Promotes programs of cross-country skiing, or ski touring, for visually impaired and physically disabled persons.

MEMBERSHIP ORGANI- ZATIONS

Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind

Box 655, Station G
Calgary, AB T3A 2G5
(403) 262-5332
Shelley Allen, Executive Director

Mission: To promote sports and recreational activities for blind and visually impaired persons.

American Optometric Association

243 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-4100
FAX: (314) 991-4101
Earle Hunter, O.D., Executive Director

See American Optometric Association in U.S. national listings.

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

206 North Washington Street
Suite 320
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 548-1884
Kathleen Megivern, Executive Director

See Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired in U.S. national listings.

Canadian Association of Optometrists

1785 Alta Vista Drive
Suite 301

Ottawa, ON K1G 3Y6
(613) 738-4412
FAX: (613) 738-7161
Michale J. DiCola

Type of Agency: Professional Association of Optometrists in Canada.

Canadian Braille Authority (CBA) Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

P.O. Box 578
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9
(902) 424-7765
FAX: (902) 424-5819
Arnold Jones, President and Superintendent, Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

Mission: To promote the use of braille in Canada, encourage research in the development of braille technology, and establish, adopt, and monitor standards for the production and teaching of English and French braille.

Area Served: Canada.

Publications: Membership newsletter published in English print and braille and French print and braille.

Canadian Council of the Blind

Suite 405
396 Cooper Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 2H7
(613) 567-0311
FAX: (613) 567-2728
Corry Stuive, Executive Director

Type of Agency: National consumer.

Mission: To provide social, recreational, and blindness prevention programs. To advocate on behalf of blind and visually impaired persons.

Funded by: Government, donations, membership dues.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 4.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Number of Clients Served: Membership over 4,000.

Canadian Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association

747 Second Avenue East, Suite 4
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2G9
(519) 372-1333
Jacques Pinalut, Executive Director

Type of Agency: Social services.

Mission: To assist all deaf-blind persons and their families in achieving the best possible quality of life.

Funded by: Self-funded with assistance from the federal and provincial governments.

Budget: \$1.7 million.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

History/Date: Est. 1975; federal charter in 1976.

Eligibility: Congenital deaf-blindness.

Age Requirements: 2 years and older.

Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help: Counseling and self-help.

Educational: Assistance with special schools and individual programs.

Preschools: Consultation.

Professional Training: Available.

Residential: Assistance in education and programs.

Recreational: Use of community facilities.

Computer Training: Some training available.

Publications: *Intervention* published biannually.

Chapters in New Brunswick, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. Contact main office for address and contact persons.

Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind

422 Willowdale Avenue
Suite 405
Toronto, ON M2N 5B1
(416) 480-7417 (Voice and TDD)
Kerry Wadman, President

Mission: To represent the interests of and improve services to deaf-blind persons in Canada.

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

1525 Carling Avenue
Suite 610
Ottawa, ON K1Z 8R9
(613) 729-6779
FAX: (613) 729-7209
Hubert Drouin, Executive Director

Mission: Membership organization of ophthalmologists. Provide information about eye conditions and related issues.

Council for Exceptional Children

1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
(703) 620-3660
FAX: (703) 264-9494
Dr. George E. Ayers, Executive Director

See Council for Exceptional Children in U.S. national listings.

Council for Exceptional Children Division for the Visually Handicapped

HRC Business Centre
1020 Baybridge Drive
Kingston, ON K7P 2S2
(613) 389-5412

See Council for Exceptional Children in U.S. national listings.

Council of Executives of American Residential Schools for the Visually Handicapped

c/o Maryland School for the Blind
3501 Taylor Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21236
(301) 444-5000
Louis M. Tutt, Superintendent

See Council of Executives of American Residential Schools for the Visually Handicapped in U.S. national listings.

Low Vision Association of Ontario

263 Russell Hill Road, Suite 101
Toronto, ON M4V 2T4
(416) 921-6609

Mission: Offers self-help/peer support programs and counseling on vision aids and training in their use.

Regroupement des Aveugles et Amblyopes du Quebec

3740 Berri Street, Second Floor
Montreal, PQ H2L 4G9
(514) 849-2018
FAX: (514) 987-9956
Yves Fleury, General Director

Type of Agency: Consumer advocacy organization fully administered and directed by blind and visually impaired persons.

Mission: Works for the social integration of blind and visually impaired people by representing the interests of people with visual impairments in all fields of life.

Funded by: Quebec government (Ministry of Health and Social Services and of Education); private and corporate funding.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Staff: 2 full-time, 3 part time.

History/Date: Est. 1975.

Number of Clients Served: 1,182 blind and visually impaired members; 47 corporate subscribers to *INFO-RAAQ*.

Area Served: Province of Quebec; maintains eight regional affiliate associations.

Age Requirements: Voting blind and visually impaired members,

age 16 and over; parents of blind and visually impaired children.

Publications: *INFO-RAAQ* newsletter, edited in French, produced in braille and large print and on cassette and disk.

VIEWS for the Visually Impaired

3033 Palston Road
Station 205
Mississauga, ON L4Y 2Z7
(416) 277-4061

Mission: Membership organization that strives to ensure that children who are visually impaired have the opportunity to reach their full potential and that the families of these children receive the information, resources, and support that they need.

UNITED STATES
PRODUCERS AND
PUBLISHERS OF BRAILLE
AND OTHER
ALTERNATE MEDIA
SOURCES OF ADAPTED
PRODUCTS AND DEVICES

PRODUCERS OF ALTERNATE MEDIA

◆ Media Producers and Publishers

American Bible Society

1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
(212) 408-1200
FAX: (212) 408-1512

Mission: Translates, publishes, and distributes the Scriptures in braille, large print, and recorded forms.

Funded by: Personal and church donations and endowments.

History/Date: Est. 1816 and Inc. 1841.

Area Served: Worldwide services.

American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000
FAX: (800) 232-5463

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Publishes consumer and family education titles in braille and large print and on disk and audiocassette. Publishes selected professional titles in alternate media, including the *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness* in print and braille and on audiocassette. Issues selected videos with audiodescription. Manufactures talking books on audiocassette for the National Library Service and for other organizations.

American Printing House for the Blind

1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405 or (800) 223-1839
FAX: (502) 895-1509
Dr. Tuck Tinsley, III, President

Type of Agency: National organization for the production of literature and the manufacture of educational aids for visually impaired persons.

Mission: Publishes braille books, music, and magazines; large-type textbooks; talking books and magazines; microcomputer software; and electronic books. Provides a reference-catalog service for volunteer-produced textbooks in all media for visually impaired students, plus information about other sources of materials for those interested in the education of visually impaired. Manufactures special educational aids for blind and visually impaired persons. Maintains an educational research and development program concerned with educational procedures and methods and the development of educational aids.

Funded by: Contracts, public funds, and contributions; since 1879, through the federal act "To Promote the Education of the Blind," receives an annual appropriation from Congress to provide textbooks and educational aids for all students attending schools or special educational institutions of less than college grade. Through funds donated by the public, publishes braille and talking book editions of the *Reader's Digest* and a weekly talking book edition of *Newsweek Magazine*, and *The Century Braille Book Club*.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1853.

Area Served: United States primarily; worldwide services on a contract basis.

Publications: *APH Notes*.

American Red Cross Mile High Chapter

Braille Services 444 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203-3521
(303) 722-7474
FAX: (303) 722-7588
Ann Moores, Braille Coordinator

Area Served: United States, especially Colorado.

Groups Served: K-12; adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Braille.

Associated Services for the Blind

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600
FAX: (215) 922-0692
Vincent McVeigh, Executive Director
Dolores Ferrara-Godzieba, Transcription Services

Mission: Produces braille and large-print books, under contract to the Library of Congress, for distribution throughout the United States or for schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired

P.O. Box 23043
Anchorage, KY 40223
(502) 245-5422
Robert J. Knoll, Chairman
Sandra Koukola, Director

Area Served: Entire United States and Canada.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Austin Junior Women's Federation

1406 Wilshire Boulevard
Austin, TX 78722

(512) 385-6935 or (512) 451-4802
Margarine G. Beaman, Project Director

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Career/vocational, miscellaneous.

Media Formats: Braille, large print, and raised characters for brochures, metal trails, elevator numbers, menus, bank automatic teller machines, bank statements, directories and malls.

Title Listings: None specified.

Bantam-Doubleday-Dell

666 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10103
(212) 765-6500

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

Beach Cities Braille Guild

P.O. Box 712
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Dorothy A. Nehring, President
Norma L. Schecter, President

Area Served: Most of the English speaking world.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults, touch-impaired blind persons.

Types/Content: Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books. Jumbo braille. Also computer-assisted transcription.

Title Listings: Title listings in preparation.

Provides resource counseling for blind and visually impaired individuals.

Bible Alliance

P.O. Box 621
Bradenton, FL 34206
(813) 748-3031
FAX: (813) 748-2625
Joseph Aleppo, Executive Director

Mission: Distributes the Bible on cassette at no charge. Also produces talking book tapes; translations to other languages.

Reading: The Bible is available in 36 languages free of charge to individuals who cannot read standard print because of visual impairment. A verification of the impairment is necessary.

Blindskills

P.O. Box 5181
Salem, OR 97304
(503) 581-4224
Carol M. McCarl, Editor

Funded by: Contributions, foundations.

History/Date: Est. 1983.; *Dialogue* est. 1961 and *Lifeprints* est. 1983.

Area Served: English-speaking countries.

Publications: Produces on 4-track cassette in braille, and in large print, *Dialogue: The Magazine for the Visually Impaired*, a quarterly publication written and edited by and for blind readers containing news, resources and fiction of special interest to visually impaired

persons. Also produces *Lifeprints*, for teenagers and young adults, a variety magazine featuring first-person accounts by visually impaired role models.

Books Aloud

180 West San Carlos
San Jose, CA 95113-2096
(408) 277-4878

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Groups Served: Blind and physically handicapped, all ages.

Types/Content: All subjects but no textbooks.

Media Formats: Cassette books.

Title Listings: Catalogs available for adults and children.

Braille Communication Services

P.O. Box 16126
Lansing, MI 48901
(517) 627-9849
Duane Rolison, Manager

Area Served: Worldwide.

Groups Served: All groups.

Types/Content: Text materials in English other than mathematics or music, including computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille and large print.

Braille Inc.

184 Seapit Road
P.O. Box 457
East Falmouth, MA 02536-0457
(508) 548-6116
Joan B. Rose

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: Departments of Education, schools, colleges, Departments of Human Services, public and private corporations.

Types/Content: Library braille, mathematics, computer and technical materials and diagrams.

Media Formats: Braille or thermoform.

Title Listings: Individual listings are too numerous for inclusion here.

Braille International

3142 S.E. Jay Street
Stuart, FL 34997
(407) 286-8366 or (800) 336-3142
FAX: (407) 286-8909
Jeri Brubaker

Area Served: Continental United States, Canada, and abroad.

Groups Served: All groups.

Types/Content: Literary braille; reference books, menus, greeting cards, brochures, catalogs, technical manuals, children's books.

Media Formats: Braille and children's listening cassettes.

Title Listings: Catalog available.

Chivers North America

1 Lafayette Road
P.O. Box 1450
Hampton, NH 03842-0015
(508) 398-6566 or (800) 621-0182
FAX: (603) 929-3890

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction.

Choice Magazine Listening

Dept 12
P.O. Box 10
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 883-8280
FAX: (516) 944-6849
Doris Fields, Editor

Mission: Records a free bimonthly anthology of selected articles, fiction, and poetry from current periodicals; distributed free of charge through regional libraries and individual subscription.

Funded by: Sponsor contributions and investment income.

History/Date: Est. 1961 and Inc. 1965.

Area Served: United States.

Christian Education for the Blind

P.O. Box 6399
Fort Worth, TX 76115
(817) 923-0603
James Wiles, Program Director

Mission: Tape-records and distributes the *Evangel Voice Magazine*, Sunday school lessons, the Christian Education Library for the Blind, and sacred music.

Publishes the *Evangel Hymn Book* (words only), and *Evangel Hymn Book* (words and music) in braille. Distributes Scriptures in braille and on recordings. Reading services are offered to blind persons without cost through a library loan system.

Funded by: Contributions; church groups; foundations.

Christian Mission for the Blind

5354 Boy Scout Road
Indianapolis, IN 46226
(317) 549-2386
William B. Schalk, Executive Director

Mission: Distributes religious material in braille, large type, and on cassette tapes.

Funded by: Churches and private contributions.

History/Date: Est. 1958.

Area Served: North America.

Publications: *Spiritual Light* (large-print newsletter). *Christian Talking Magazine* (cassette tape only). Lending library (free catalog of large-print and cassette tape materials on request).

Christian Record Services

4444 South 52nd Street
P.O. Box 6097

Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 488-0981 or (402) 488-1902 (TDD)

FAX: (402) 488-7582

Clarence E. Hodges, President

Mission: Produces braille books, talking books/cassettes, and large-print books. Has lending library.

Publications: *Christian Record*; *Children's Friend* (braille); *Student*; *Encounter*; *Young and Alive*; *Christian Record Talking Magazine*; *Lifeflow*; *Review and Herald*; *Campfire Light*.

Christian Science Publishing Society

1 Norway Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 450-2000
FAX: (617) 450-2013
A. M. Carnesciali, Manager

Mission: Sells talking book editions of Bible lessons and articles from *Christian Science Journal* and *Sentinel*.

Funded by: Income from publications.

History/Date: Est. 1898.

Area Served: Worldwide.

Publications: *The Herald of Christian Science* and *Christian Science Bible Lessons* (braille).

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Special Curriculum

50 East North Temple
Floor 24
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(801) 531-2509
Douglas L. Hind

Mission: Prepares spiritual books, lessons and auxiliary handbooks in braille, disk, and cassette formats.

Funded by: Church funds.

Area Served: Worldwide services.

Publications: *The Ensign* (monthly talking book magazine); *Friend* (monthly, braille magazine); *New Era* (monthly braille magazine).

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind

1909 East 101st Street
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 791-8118

FAX: (216) 791-1101

Alice Miller, Coordinator, Taping Services

Marlene Smith, Coordinator, Braille and Large Print Transcription Services

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: All ages.

Types/Content: General, all academic subjects.

Media Formats: Braille books; cassettes; large-print books.

Title Listings: Provided on request.

The Clovernook Center Opportunities for the Blind

7000 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231
(513) 522-3860

FAX: (513) 728-3943 access #2
Gerald W. Mundy, Ed.D.,
Executive Director

Mission: Provides visually impaired persons, particularly those with multiple disabilities, with services and training necessary for the attainment and maintenance of each individual's optimal level of independence.

Funded by: Income from printing operations and contributions.

History/Date: Est. 1915.

Area Served: United States.

Publications: Embosses braille books, magazines, catalogs, and other publications for individuals and national organizations, including the Library of Congress,

American Foundation for the Blind, Lions Clubs International, United States Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of Education, and the Social Security Administration. Publishes *Tactic Magazine*, a consumer oriented quarterly on adaptive technology.

Contra Costa Braille Transcribers

514 Freya Way
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(510) 682-4734

Ann Kelt, Chairperson

Area Served: Nationwide, with emphasis on California.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, and other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Deaf-Blind Program

The National Academy, Gallaudet University

Peet Hall, Third Floor
800 Florida Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 651-5096

FAX: (202) 651-5595

Arthur Roehrig, Coordinator

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: Deaf-blind persons, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

Types/Content: Continuing education.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Vocational training for computer-related careers.

The Dot Spot

P.O. Box 8425

Phoenix, AZ 85066-8425

(602) 243-9222

Linda Huffman

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Groups Served: Braille users.

Types/Content: Any personal or professional materials.

Media Formats: Braille books, print-braille business cards, braille greeting cards.

Title Listings: Call for information.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Braille and Tape Service

426 South Fifth Street

P.O. Box 1209

Minneapolis, MN 55440

(612) 330-3502

Karen Hoppe, Coordinator

Groups Served: Blind and visually impaired members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Media Formats: Braille and audiotape.

Eyes of Faith Ministries

P.O. Box 743336

Dallas, TX 75374-3336

(214) 669-1103

Gayle Gould, Administrator and Braille Coordinator

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Groups Served: K-12 and adults.

Types/Content: Christian school textbooks, Christian books, literature and devotional books.

Media Formats: Braille books, tactiles, teaching aids, some texts on cassette tape, grades 7-12.

Title Listings: Print and braille available at no charge.

Operates a free lending library, as well as a braille production facility.

G.K. Hall and Company

70 Lincoln Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 423-3990 or (800) 343-2806

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books.

Gospel Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 62
Delray Beach, FL 33447
(407) 274-9700
Rev. Ralph Montanus, Jr., President

Funded by: Contributions and affiliated churches.

History/Date: Est. 1945 and Inc. 1947.

Area Served: United States, Canada, and islands of the Caribbean.

Reading: Has a large free circulating library of braille, books, and cassettes.

Publications: Monthly cassette magazine, *The Gospel Messenger*, for adults.

Grey Castle Press

Pocket Knife Square
Lakeville, CT 06039
(203) 435-0868
FAX: (203) 435-0867

Mission: Publishes large-print books, including fiction and nonfiction.

Harper & Row Publishers

10 East 53rd Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 207-7000

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference.

Helen D. Boyle

279 Boston Street
Guilford, CT 06437
(203) 453-2080

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

320 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 485-1234
FAX: (516) 538-6785
Pranita Sarabjit, Braille Librarian

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12.

Types/Content: Textbooks; novels.

Media Formats: Braille/large-print books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Herald House

Drawer 1770
Independence, MO 64055
(816) 252-5010

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3490
FAX: (617) 926-2027
Sarah A. McPhillips, Office Manager

Mission: Manufactures and sells the Perkins Braille, manual or electric; standard, large cell, jumbo dot braille; slates; styli; mathematical aids; braille games; heavy and light-grade braille paper.

Funded by: Sale of products.

Area Served: Worldwide services.

**Isis Large Print Books
Transaction Publishers**

Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
(908) 932-2280
FAX: (908) 932-3138
Rob Poulton, Promotions Manager

Offers wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books in large print.

Jewish Braille Institute of America

110 East 30th Street
New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-2525 or (800) 433-1531
Gerald M. Kass, Executive Vice President

Mission: Serves the Jewish religious, cultural, educational, and communal needs of blind, visually impaired, and reading disabled persons by providing information on Judaism. Publishes prayer books; braille books in Hebrew and English; talking books in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French, Hungarian, Russian, German, and Romanian. Distributes elementary- and secondary-level religious school textbooks; and large-print books in English and Hebrew, including the Five Books of Moses (the Torah). Transcribes and records other special material. Maintains circulating braille, talking book, and large-print library. Serves as a counseling and referral resource.

Funded by: Contributions, endowment, synagogues, and foundations.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1931.

Area Served: Worldwide services.

Preschools: Promotes Hebrew education and religious instruction. Public education program includes speakers' bureau.

Professional Training: Training institutes for librarians and professionals working with the elderly persons.

Publications: *Jewish Braille Review*; *JB Voice*; *Or Chadash* (in Hebrew); and *Hebrew Braille Bible*.

Jewish Guild for the Blind

15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6331
FAX: (212) 769-6266
Elaine Yatzkan, Director of
Program Planning and
Development

Area Served: Worldwide.

Groups Served: Adults.

Types/Content: Recreational.

Media Formats: Talking books/
cassettes.

Title Listings: Printed at no
charge (in large-print or on
cassette).

John Curley and Associates

P.O. Box 37
South Yarmouth, MA 02664
(800) 621-0182

Mission: Publishes a wide
selection of large-print books.

John Milton Society for the Blind

475 Riverside Drive
Room 455
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3335
FAX: (212) 870-3229
Richard R. Preston, Executive
Director

Type of Agency: Non-profit.
Worldwide interdenominational
ministry in Christian literature and
education.

Mission: Publishes in braille and
large print and on cassette monthly
and bimonthly magazines for
adults and teens free of charge.

Publications: *Discovery for Youth*;
John Milton Magazine (large type or
braille); *Talking Book Cassette*; *Adult
Lessons Quarterly* (braille and
cassette); *Directory of Resources*;

Annual Bible Commentary (braille);
Motto Calendar (braille). Publishes
in braille, large-print, and on
cassette monthly and bimonthly
magazines for adults and teens free
of charge. Accepts unsolicited
manuscripts and poetry.

**Lutheran Braille Evangelism
Association**

1740 Eugene Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(612) 426-0469
Rev. Dennis A. Hawkinson,
Executive Director

Mission: Publishes and distributes
Christian literature for blind and
visually impaired persons. Strives
to serve the spiritual needs of blind
persons via publications in large-
print and braille and on audio
cassette and computer disk.

Publications: *Christian Magnifier*;
Tract Messenger; *Lutheran Braille
Evangelism Bulletin*.

Lutheran Braille Workers

Box 5000
Yucaipa, CA 92399-1450
(909) 795-8977
FAX: (909) 795-8970
LeRoy Delafosse, Executive
Director

Mission: Provides religious and
educational materials in braille and
large print. Maintains 200 work
centers worldwide staffed by
volunteers to help make the Bible
accessible to the blind and visually
impaired. All material provided
free upon certification of being
blind or visually impaired.

Types/Content: Provides braille
copies of limited reference and
textbook materials for blind
students and of bible studies
materials.

Publications: *Work Center Memo*;
Lutheran Braille Workers Newsletter;
Work Center Directory.

Lutheran Library for the Blind

1333 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
(314) 965-9000, ext. 1322 or
(800) 433-3954
Mary Holder, Administrative
Assistant

Mission: Provides braille, large-
print, and cassette periodicals.

Funded by: Lutheran Church,
Missouri Synod.

History/Date: Est. 1951.

Area Served: Worldwide.

Publications: *The Lutheran
Messenger*, *The Lutheran Witness*,
The Lutheran Digest, *The Lutheran
Women Missionary League Quarterly*,
The Lutheran Layman, *My Devotions*,
My Delight, *Christian Life*, *Happy
Times*, *My Pleasure*, *Teacher's
Interaction*, *Portals of Prayer*,
Strength for the Day, *Teen Time*, *Our
Life in Christ Sunday School Lessons*,
Catechisms.

Macmillan Publishing Company

866 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(800) 257-5755

Mission: Publishes large-print and
audio books, including fiction,
nonfiction, and reference books.

**Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the
Blind**

20 West 17th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 242-0263
FAX: (212) 242-3510
Helen Ziegler Steinkraus, President
Michael Mellor, Editor

Mission: Publishes in braille and
on four-track, half-speed cassette
the *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the
Blind*, a free, general-interest,
monthly covering a wide range of
subjects, which includes news of
special interest to blind and
visually impaired people, pen pals,
and a letter column where readers

can seek or give advice or express their opinions sent to any visually impaired person requesting it.

Funded by: Endowment.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1907.

Area Served: Worldwide services.

Mercy Braille Library

1768 Cedar Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45224
(513) 681-2100

Sister Ruth Kannapel, Director
Sister Beatrice Marie, Assistant

Groups Served: Libraries, schools, training centers, and individuals.

Types/Content: Scripture, biography, miscellaneous.

Media Formats: Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

Title Listings: Not available.

Provides and distributes surplus religious materials of other braille publishers.

Metrolina Sight Services

704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
(704) 372-3870

Mission: Produces braille and large-print documents.

Michigan Braille Transcribing Service

4000 Cooper Street
Jackson, MI 49241
(517) 788-7560, ext. 494
Ralph J. Hoffman, Director

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12, adults, businesses.

Types/Content: Textbooks, math and computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Print lists available at no charge.

Monterey County Braille Transcribers

P.O. Box DF
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(408) 372-2944
Alice McBride, Chairperson

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Groups Served: K-12; college students and other adults.

Types/Content: None specified.

Media Formats: Textbook braille.

Title Listings: None specified.

MSMT Braille Center

3917 Mayette Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
(707) 579-1115
FAX: (707) 579-1246
Carolyn Colclough

Area Served: United States.

Types/Content: Text materials (other than music and math), including computer-related materials, graphs, maps, charts, and diagrams.

Media Formats: Braille; large-print.

National Association for Visually Handicapped

22 West 21st Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

National Association to Preserve the Use of Braille

3618 Dayton Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 897-2632
Betty Nicely, President

Mission: Makes the *Random House Concise Dictionary* available in a VersaBraille II Plus disk version.

National Braille Association

1290 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 473-0900
FAX: (716) 473-4274
Angela Coffaro, Executive Director

Mission: Assists transcribers and narrators in the development and improvement of skills and techniques required for the production of reading materials for individuals who are print handicapped.

Funded by: Membership fees; contributions; grants.

History/Date: Est. 1945.

Area Served: Unlimited.

Types/Content: Provides braille textbooks, music, career, and technical materials at below cost to blind students and professionals and helps meet other braille needs of a more general nature.

Educational: Provides continuing education to groups and individuals who prepare reading materials for print handicapped persons through seminars, workshops, consultations, and the publication of instruction manuals.

Publications: *Tape Recording Manual; Tape Recording Lessons; Guidelines for Administration of Groups Producing Reading Materials for the Visually Handicapped; Manual for Large-type Transcribing; NBA Bulletin* (quarterly to membership, available in print, braille, and on cassette tape; available to agencies by subscription); reprints and workshops pertaining to all advanced braille codes, tactile graphics, and computer-assisted transcription.

National Braille Press

88 St. Stephen Street

Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160
FAX: (617) 437-0456
William M. Raeder, Managing Director

Mission: Provides braille printing services for organizations, including the Library of Congress. Sponsors children's Braille Book-of-the-Month Club.

Types/Content: Sells braille books, including computer manuals, tutorials and reference guides, cookbooks, baby and child care information, Christmas carols, an employment guide, AIDS information, and books on grammar and etiquette.

Publications: *Syndicated Columnists Weekly; Our Special; National Braille Press Release.*

Northern Nevada Braille Transcribers

1015 Oxford Avenue
Sparks, NV 89431-3037
(702) 358-2456 (voice and TDD)
Lois Baskerville, President/
Advocate

Area Served: United States and some foreign English-speaking areas.

Groups Served: Teens and adults; original transcription requests taken from deaf-blind persons, with additional copies available for loan to others.

Types/Content: Recreational, any requests, with priority to deaf-blind persons' requests.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: Braille lists available on request; some print lists available.

Peninsula Braille Transcribers Guild

340 North Ellsworth Avenue

San Mateo, CA 94401
(415) 344-6725
Frances K. Smith, President

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, career/vocational, religious.

Media Formats: Braille books.

Title Listings: No title listings available.

Prose & Cons Braille Unit

P.O. Box 2500
Lincoln, NE 68542-2500
(402) 471-3161, ext. 3373
Dominic Inzodda, Shop Operator

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks, menus.

Media Formats: Braille/large print books.

Title Listings: Printed at no charge.

Random House Large Print

201 East 50th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 572-2600 or (800) 726-0600
FAX: (212) 872-8026

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

Recording for the Blind

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606 or (800) 221-4792
FAX: (609) 987-8116
Ritchie L. Geisel, President and CEO

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Provides recorded and computerized textbooks, library services, and other educational

resources to people who cannot read standard print because of a visual, physical, or perceptual disability. Maintains a lending library of recorded books and acts as a recording service for additional titles.

Funded by: Individual corporations and foundations.

Hours of Operation: Customer services: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM, EST; administration: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

Staff: 4,800 trained volunteers.

History/Date: Est. 1948; inc. 1951.

Number of Clients Served: 30,000.

Eligibility: Documented print disability--blindness, low vision, learning disability, or other physical impairment that impedes reading.

Area Served: United States, Canada, and other countries.

Publications: *RFB Issues; RFB Annual Report; RFB News for Professionals.*

Resources for Rehabilitation

33 Bedford Street
Suite 19A
Lexington, MA 02173
(617) 862-6455

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

St. Martin's Press

175 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10010
(800) 221-7945
FAX: (212) 777-6359

Mission: Publishes audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

Seedlings: Braille Books for Children

P.O. Box 2395
Livonia, MN 48151
(313) 427-8552

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: Publishes braille books for children.

Services to the Blind Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

P.O. Box 1059
Independence, MO 64051
(816) 833-1000, ext. 1460
FAX: (816) 521-3095
Carol White, Supervisor

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; any requests.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Swedenborg Foundation

139 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 673-7310
FAX: (212) 254-0012
Dr. David B. Eller, Executive Director

Mission: Provides limited talking book editions related to Swedenborg's writings to the Library of Congress and other libraries. Large type and cassette edition of Helen Keller's *My Religion* is available. Also available in large type: *Heaven and Hell* by Emanuel Swedenborg and *Uses* by Wilson Dusen. Publishes and distributes the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg and collateral literature.

Funded by: Endowment and contributions.

History/Date: Est. and Inc. 1850.

Theosophical Book Association for the Blind

54 Krotona Hill
Ojai, CA 93023
(805) 646-2121

Mission: Supplies individuals and libraries with braille books. Operates free lending library of materials in braille and tape.

Funded by: Members of Theosophical Society, foundation grants, and endowments.

History/Date: Est. 1910; inc. 1943.

Eligibility: Worldwide.

Publications: Publishes theosophical material, esoteric philosophy, and metaphysical material in braille and on tapes and cassettes, including *The Braille Star Theosophist*, a quarterly magazine distributed internationally without charge.

Thorndike Press

P.O. Box 159
Thorndike, ME 04986
(207) 948-2962
FAX: (207) 948-2863

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction books.

Ulverscroft Large Print Books Limited

279 Boston Street
Guilford, CT 06437
(203) 453-2080 or (800) 955-9659
FAX: (203) 458-9841

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction.

Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.

617 State Street
Garland, TX 75040
(214) 272-1615
FAX: (214) 272-1615
Elizabeth Gross, Director

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: K-college level.

Types/Content: Textbooks, commercial materials, menus.

Media Formats: Braille books, computer disks.

Title Listings: None specified.

Voices for Blind

Songo Pond Road
P.O. Box 837
Bethel, ME 04217
(207) 824-2920
Connie Hindman, Executive Director

Area Served: Unlimited; focus on rural areas of United States.

Groups Served: Youths and adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks and other printed material.

Media Formats: Cassettes; large-print.

Title Listings: Available for a fee.

Volunteer Braille Services

3730 Toledo Avenue, North
Robbinsdale, MN 55422
(612) 521-0372
Jean Zolik, Coordinator/Format Advisor

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: Braille readers.

Types/Content: Textbooks and other text materials other than music and computer-related materials.

Media Formats: Braille.

Also maintains print/braille library for Minnesota residents.

Volunteer Braillists and Tapis

517 North Segoe Road
Suite 200

Madison, WI 53705
(608) 233-0222

Mary Ann Damm, President

Area Served: All of United States and Canada, but primarily Wisconsin.

Groups Served: Preschool; K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; career/vocational; religious; children's literature; adult fiction; cookbooks; handiwork.

Media Formats: Braille books; talking books/cassettes; braille-print children's books.

Title Listings: Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Volunteer Services for the Blind

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio magazines, including nonfiction.

Volunteers of Soledad

P.O. Box 686
Soledad, CA 93960-0686
(408) 675-2411, ext. 2186
David Rodriguez

Area Served: United States.

Groups Served: K-12, college students, other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks and recreational, career/vocational, and religious materials.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Provided at no charge.

Volunteers of Vacaville

P.O. Box 670

Vacaville, CA 95696

(707) 448-6841

Steve Norris, Coordinator

Area Served: United States; worldwide.

Groups Served: K-12; college students; other adults.

Types/Content: Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

Media Formats: Talking books/cassettes.

Title Listings: Provided at no charge.

Repair services for brailers.

Volunteer Transcribing Services

205 East Third Avenue, Suite 200
San Mateo, CA 94401
(415) 344-8664

Alanah Hoffman, Director

Area Served: United States and Canada.

Groups Served: K-14.

Types/Content: Textbooks.

Media Formats: Large-print books.

Title Listings: Fee for service.

Western Publishing Company

1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(414) 633-2431

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including nonfiction.

Womyn's Braille Press

P.O. Box 8475
Minneapolis, MN 55408
(612) 872-4352

Lynn Zelvin, Contact Person

Mission: Makes feminist and lesbian literature, women's health materials, and writing by women of color and women with disabilities available on tape and in braille.

Has over 700 titles on tape and 60 in braille for loan or purchase.

Publications: Produces quarterly newsletter available in braille or print, on tape, or in large print featuring writing by women with disabilities.

Xavier Society for the Blind

154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800 or (800) 637-9193
FAX: (212) 473-7801
Rev. Thomas R. Fitzpatrick, S. J.,
Director

Mission: Makes available various weekly and monthly Catholic periodicals on cassette; maintains free lending library of hand-transcribed braille, large-type, and tape books of primarily but not exclusively religious nature; provides a variety of devotional materials in accessible forms. Catalogs available in all three media.

History/Date: Inc. 1904.

Area Served: United States and Canada; certain services extended to blind persons overseas.

Publications: *Catholic Review* (monthly, in braille, large print, and on tape); *Deaf-Blind Weekly* (in braille).

Zondervan Publishing House

5300 Patterson Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49530
(616) 698-3443

Mission: Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference.

◆ **Audiodescription Services**

Audio Description

Metropolitan Washington Ear

35 University Boulevard East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-6636

Dr. Margaret Rockwell Pfanstiehl,
Executive Director

Cody Pfanstiehl, Audiodescription
Services

Trains describers, guides, and
docents in audiodescription;
publishes a newsletter for
individuals interested in
audiodescription; and helps other
organizations launch
audiodescription services.

Audio Optics, Inc.

24 Hutton Avenue, #26

West Orange, NJ 07052

(201) 736-1704

Albert D. Hecht, Director

Audiodescribes movies for home
video release as well as select
television programs.

Audiovision

416 Holladay Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94110

(415) 641-4589

Gregory Frazier, Director

Offers training for audiodescribers
and production services for
audiodescribed films, plays, and
exhibits.

Descriptive Video Service

WGBH-TV

125 Western Avenue

Boston, MA 02134

(617) 492-2777

Laurie Everett, Audiodescription
Services

Produces audiodescription for
Public Broadcasting System
network productions, publishes a
newsletter for individuals, and
distributes listings of distributors
and manufacturers of special
equipment.

Narrative Television Network

5840 South Memorial Drive

Suite 312

Tulsa, OK 74145

(918) 627-1000

Produces audiodescription for
movies for cable television systems.

SOURCES OF PRODUCTS

◆ Mail Order, Catalogs, and Distributors

Includes organizations and companies that carry a wide variety of products, including independent living, health care, and recreation products; low vision devices; and communication aids. Products can usually be ordered by catalog, which can be obtained from the individual companies listed.

Aids Unlimited, Inc.

1101 North Calvert Street
Suite 405
Baltimore, MD 21202
(301) 659-0232

American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(800) 829-0500 or (800) 232-5463
or (212) 620-2171

American Printing House for the Blind

P.O. Box 6085, Department 0086
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405

Ann Morris Enterprises Inc.

890 Fams Court
East Meadows, NY 11554
(516) 292-9232

Automagic Corporation

195 South Beverly Drive
Suite 406

Beverly Hills, CA 90212
(213) 552-2101

Enabling Technologies Company

3102 S.E. Jay Street
Stuart, FL 34997
(407) 283-4817
FAX: (407) 220-2920

Independent Living Aids, Inc.

27 East Mall
Plainview, NY 11803
(800) 537-2118 or (516) 752-8080

Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired Resource Center

20 Tenth Street
Suite 220
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-1481

LS&S Group, Inc.

P.O. Box 673
Northbrook, IL 60065
(800) 468-4789 or (708) 498-9777

Maddak, Inc.

Bel-Art Products Subsidiary
6 Industrial Road
Pequannock, NJ 07440-1993
(201) 694-0500

Massachusetts Association for the Blind

The Store
200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02146
(800) 682-9200 or (617) 738-5110

Maxi-Aids

42 Executive Boulevard
P.O. Box 3209
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(800) 522-6294 or (516) 752-0521

Mid-Michigan Center for the Blind

109 West Michigan Avenue
Suite 703
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 485-1155

National Federation of the Blind

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 659-9314
FAX: (301) 685-5653

New York Lighthouse for the Blind

36-20 Northern Boulevard
Long Island City, NY 11101
(800) 453-4923 or (718) 937-9338

Option Central

1604 Carroll Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304
(414) 498-9699

Science Products

P.O. Box 888
Southeastern, PA 19399
(800) 888-7400 or (800) 222-2148
FAX: (215) 296-0488

VisAids, Inc.

102-08 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
(718) 847-4734
FAX: (718) 441-2550

◆ Household, Personal, and Independent Living Products

Includes such products as kitchen utensils and measuring devices; canes; talking clocks, scales, and calculators; games and toys; and braille watches.

Adaptive Aids

P.O. Box 57640
Tucson, AZ 85732
(800) 223-5369
FAX: (602) 745-9749

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Ann Morris Enterprises Inc.

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East Meadows, NY 11554
(516) 292-9232

AT&T National Special Needs Center

2001 US Route 46
Suite 310
Parsippany, NJ 07054
(800) 233-1222
FAX: (201) 299-6561

Autofold, Inc.

208 Coleman Street Extension
Gardner, MA 01440-1063
(508) 632-0667

A.V. Andy Smith Chapter #31

421 S.W. Oak Street
Room 1N3
Portland, OR 97204
(503) 242-8326

Braille Greeting Cards

246 Dale Avenue
Mansfield, OH 44902
(419) 522-5708

Carex Health Care Products

P.O. Box 20260
Newark, NJ 07101
(201) 824-7637 or (800) 526-8051

Fotofonics

315 Larkspur Turn
Peachtree City, GA 30269
(404) 487-5854

Gladys Loeb Foundation

2002 Forest Hill Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20903
(301) 434-7748

Hewitt Printing Corporation

7320 Milwaukee Avenue
Niles, IL 60648
(708) 647-8833

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3490

Innovative Rehabilitation Technology

1605 West El Camino Real
Mt. View, CA 94040
(415) 961-3161

Kentucky Industries for the Blind

1900 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40206-2199
(502) 893-0211

Learning Express

8029 Danwood
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 565-8208

Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired Resource Center

20 Tenth Street
Suite 220

San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-1481

LS&S Group, Inc.

P.O. Box 673
Northbrook, IL 60065
(800) 468-4789 or (708) 498-9777

Macam Devices

774 Hamlin Way
San Leandro, CA 94578
(415) 582-1878

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6 Industrial Road
Pequannock, NJ 07440-1993
(201) 694-0500

Massachusetts Association for the Blind The Store

200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02146
(800) 682-9200 or (617) 738-5110

Mattel Consumer Affairs

5150 Rosecrans Avenue, MS 504
Hawthorne, CA 90250
(213) 978-5150

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P.O. Box 3209
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(800) 522-6294 or (516) 752-0521

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(301) 659-9314
FAX: (301) 685-5653

Nurion Industries

Station Square 3
Paoli, PA 19301
(215) 640-2345

Phillip Barton Vision Systems

39111 York Lane
Bowie, MD 20715
(301) 262-3665

Precision Grinding & Manufacturing

8019 Flood Road
Baltimore, MD 21222
(301) 285-1135

Product R&D

9625 Black Mountain Road
Suite 207
San Diego, CA 92126
(619) 578-3558

Prophecy Designs

P.O. Box 84
Round Pond, MA 04564
(207) 529-5318

Rainshine Company

158 Jackson Street
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 249-8231

**Sears, Roebuck and Company
New Account Center**

P.O. Box 59045
Knoxville, TN 37950-9912
(800) 323-3274

Style Asia, Inc.

12 West 29th Street

New York, NY 10001

(800) 522-7465 or (212) 532-5720
FAX: (212) 532-6476

Technology for Independence

529 Main Street
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 242-7007
FAX: (617) 242-2007

VisAids, Inc.

102-08 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
(718) 847-4734
FAX: (718) 441-2550

VITAL

29 Maple Drive
Swoyersville, PA 18074

Whirlpool Corporation**Appliance Information Services**

2303 Pipestone Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(800) 253-1301 or (800) 632-2243

White Cane Institute for the Blind

Route 3
Jenkins, MO 65605
(417) 574-6368

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Jenkins, MO 65605
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Harahan, LA 70183

(800) 737-6278 or (504) 733-1500

Automagic Corporation

195 South Beverly Drive
Suite 406
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
(213) 552-2101

Bausch & Lomb Company

P.O. Box 743
Rochester, NY 14603
(800) 628-9543 or (716) 338-6000

Bernell Corporation

750 Lincolnway East
P.O. Box 4637
South Bend, IN 46634
(219) 234-3200
FAX: (219) 223-8422

Big Eye Lamps, Inc.

68 Yellowbrook Road
Farmingdale, NJ 07727
(201) 938-2490
FAX: (201) 938-5921

Cazor Manufacturing Corporation

4483 Duncan Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
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FAX: (314) 652-2069

Charles Nusinov and Sons, Inc.

8720 Satyr Hill Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
(301) 661-5050

Coburn Optical Industries, Inc.

4606 South Garnett Road
Suite 200
Tulsa, OK 74146
(800) 262-8761 or (918) 665-1815

Contact East, Inc.

335 Willow Street, South
North Andover, MA 01845
(508) 682-2000

Deluxe Check Printers, Inc.

1020 West County Road F
Shoreview, MN 55126
(800) 328-9546 or (612) 483-7111

Designs for Vision, Inc.

760 Koehler Avenue
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
(800) 345-4009 or (516) 585-3404
FAX: (516) 585-3404

Edwin Products

220-55 46th Avenue
Bayside, NY 11361
(800) 366-6388 or (718) 229-4284

Electronic Visual Aid Specialists

16 David Avenue
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Westerly, RI 02891
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Eschenbach Optik of America

904 Ethan Allen Highway
Ridgefield, CT 06877
(203) 438-7471

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EZ-Reader, Inc.

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Tampa, FL 33607
(813) 328-1222

Fishburne Enterprises

221 North Gordon Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
(919) 765-2928

Florida New Concepts Marketing

P.O. Box 261
Port Richey, FL 34673-0261
(800) 456-7097

Foley's Low Vision Aids

1357 East David Road
Kettering, OH 45429
(513) 294-2433

Fred Sammons, Inc.

P.O. Box 32
Brookfield, IL 60513-0032
(800) 323-5547

G. David Childers & Associates

6879 Annapolis Quay Circle
Stockton, CA 95219
(800) 762-4605

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Hexagon Products

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Park Ridge, IL 60068-1295
(708) 692-3355

Honeywell Residential Controls

1985 Douglas Drive, North
Golden Valley, MN 55422-3992
(612) 542-7500

HumanWare, Inc.

6245 King Road
Loomis, CA 95650
(800) 722-3393 or (916) 652-7253
FAX: (916) 652-7296

Jesana Lt.

P.O. Box 17
Irvington, NY 10533
(800) 443-4728

J&L Brabyn Sensory Designs

533 Pine Crest Road
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 381-2534

J P Trading, Inc.

300 Industrial Way
Brisbane, CA 94005
(415) 468-0775
FAX: (415) 469-8038

Keeler Instruments, Inc.

456 Parkway
Broomall, PA 19008
(800) 523-5620 or (215) 353-4350
FAX: (215) 353-7814

K Enterprises

P.O. Box 1284
Lake Wales, FL 33853
(813) 676-1805

Low Vision Devices, Inc.

540 East Horatio Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 628-3133

L.P. and Associates

330 West Maryland
Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 265-4308
FAX: (602) 265-5016

LS&S Group, Inc.

P.O. Box 673
Northbrook, IL 60065
(800) 468-4789 or (708) 498-9777

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McLeod Optical, Inc.

100 Jefferson Park Road
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 467-3000

Mons International

6595 Roswell Road N.E.,
224
Atlanta, GA 30328
(800) 541-7903 or (404) 344-8805

M-Tech Optics Corporation

P.O. Box 12110
Birmingham, MI 48012
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Night Vision Aid Distributors, Inc.

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Baltimore, MD 21217
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or (301) 225-9409

Ocutech, Inc.

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Chapel Hill, NC 27515
(800) 326-6460 or (919) 967-6460
FAX: (919) 968-4601

Opteq Vision Systems

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Brookfield, WI 53045
(414) 784-4979

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Green Bay, WI 54304
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Overseer Electronic Visual Aids

6826 Logan Avenue, South
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Pencar Associates

137-75 Geranium Avenue
Flushing, NY 11355
(718) 939-7031
FAX: (718) 359-5782

Phillip Barton Vision Systems

39111 York Lane
Bowie, MD 20715
(301) 262-3665

Prodigy Products Company

864 Cambridge Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44121
(216) 381-0500

Reflection Technology

240 Bear Hill Road
Waltham, MA 02154
(617) 890-5905
FAX: (617) 890-5918

Replogle Globes, Inc.

2801 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, IL 60153
(708) 343-0900

RX Lenses/Low Vision Aids

1379 Progresso Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(800) 336-6622 or (800) 621-6386
or (305) 764-3313

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(508) 927-3940

Strieter Laboratories, Inc.

222 Vandalia Street
Collinsville, IL 62234
(800) 851-4557 or (618) 345-5814

S. Walters, Inc.

30423 Canwood Street
Suite 126
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(800) 992-5837 or (818) 706-2202
FAX: (818) 706-2206

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Detroit, MI 48228
(313) 935-1266

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Suite F
Chico, CA 95928
(916) 345-5881

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(800) 468-4789 or (708) 498-9777

Medical Monitoring System, Inc.

2070 Helena Street
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 241-2341

Meditec, Inc.

9485 East Orchard Drive
Englewood, CO 80111
(303) 771-4863

National Federation of the Blind

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 659-9314
FAX: (301) 685-5653

Option Central

1604 Carroll Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304
(414) 498-9699

Orange Medical Instruments

3183 Airway Avenue
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Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 641-5836

Palco Labs

1595 Soquel Drive
Santa Cruz, CA 95065
(408) 476-3151

Sears, Roebuck and Company New Account Center

P.O. Box 49045
Knoxville, TN 37950-9912
(800) 323-3274

Tandy/Radio Shack

1800 One Tandy Center
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 390-3011

◆ *Products for Deaf-Blind/Multiply Disabled Persons*

Includes such products as vibratory alert systems and amplification and communication systems.

AT&T National Special Needs Center

2001 US Route 46
Suite 310
Parsippany, NJ 07054
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FAX: (201) 299-6561

Automated Business & Services, Inc.

6715 Kenilworth Avenue
Riverdale, MD 20737-9960
(301) 454-8200

Beltone Hearing Aid Service

71 Park Avenue
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(413) 733-3196

Canon, U.S.A., Inc.

One Canon Plaza
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(516) 488-6700

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P.O. Box 516
Hastings, MN 55033
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146 Main Street
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Suwanee, GA 30174
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(609) 924-6044 or (609) 921-7926
or (609) 924-7616

Fotofonics

315 Larkspur Turn
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(404) 487-5854

Fred Sammons, Inc.

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Haskill Hearing Aid Center

255 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
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Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

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Sands Point, NY 11050
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Darien, IL 60559
(708) 963-5588

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Sugar Grove, IL 60554
(708) 466-7664

Independent Living Aids, Inc.

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Plainview, NY 11803
(800) 537-2118 or (516) 752-8080

Luminaud, Inc.

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Mentor, OH 44060
(216) 255-9082

Maddak, Inc.

Bel-Art Products Subsidiary
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Pequannock, NJ 07440-1993
(201) 694-0500

National Catalog House of the Deaf

4300 North Kilpatrick Avenue
Chicago, IL 60641
(312) 283-2907

Royal Data Systems Speech and Learning Center Systems

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Morganton, NC 28655
(800) 843-9750 or (704) 433-5909

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126 Gray Road
Falmouth, ME 04105
(207) 797-2388

Science Applications International Corporation

135 Old Solomons Island Road
Annapolis, MD 21401
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1750 West Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
(313) 656-3110

Texas Instruments

P.O. Box 53
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(800) 842-2737

Unicorn Engineering, Inc.

5221 Central Avenue
Suite 205
Richmond, CA 94804
(415) 528-0670

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Lancaster, CA 93534
(805) 949-8331

Zygo Industries, Inc.

P.O. Box 1008

Portland, OR 97207
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FAX: (503) 684-6011

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Includes such products as braille and raised-letter signs and detectable warning tiles, intended to provide access to information about the environment.

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San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 863-8450
FAX: (415) 863-9659

Advance Corporation
327 East York Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 771-9297

Advantage Metal Systems, Inc.
685 Oak Street, #13-1
Brockton, MA 02401
(617) 297-7117
FAX: (617) 344-0912

American Olean Tile Company
1000 Cannon Avenue
P.O. Box 271
Lansdale, PA 19446-0271
(215) 855-1111
FAX: (215) 362-6050

Balcon, Inc.
2630 Conway Road
P.O. Box 3388
Crofton, MD 21114
(410) 721-1900 or (410) 793-0657

Best Manufacturing Company
1202 North Park Avenue
Montrose, CO 81401-3170
(800) 235-2378 or (800) 432-2378

Bomanite Corporation
232 South Schnoor Avenue
Madera, CA 93636
(800) 854-2094
FAX: (209) 673-2411

Cam-Talker, Inc.
P.O. Box 511
Denver, IA 50622
(319) 984-5911

Card O'Link
1948 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60204
(708) 866-9200

Carsonite International
1301 Hot Springs Road
Carson City, NV 89701
(800) 648-7974
FAX: (701) 883-0525

Castek, Inc.
Transpo Industries, Inc.
20 Jones Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801-6024
(800) 321-7870 or (914) 636-1000
FAX: (914) 636-1282

Crossville Ceramics
Cumberland County Industrial Park
Crossville, TN 38555
(615) 484-2110
FAX: (615) 484-8418

CT Concrete Company
394 Whitehall Street
Allentown, PA 18104
(215) 433-2757

Diversified Enterprises International
5584 Willow Highway
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-3137

Emed Company, Inc.
330 Greene Street
P.O. Box 369
Buffalo, NY 13208
(716) 891-4434

Engineered Plastics, Inc.
300 Pearl Street
Suite 200
Buffalo, NY 14202
(717) 642-6049
FAX: (717) 842-6039

G.A.L. Manufacturing Corporation
50 East 153rd Street
Bronx, NY 10451
(212) 292-9000

SCS
547 West County Road
Shoreview, MN 55126
(612) 483-4600

Stampcrete Decorative Concrete, Inc.
127 Ball Circle
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 451-2837
FAX: (315) 451-2290

Summitville Tiles, Inc.
P.O. Box 644
Summitville, OH 43962
(216) 223-1511
FAX: (216) 223-1414

Suprarock Block Company

3301 27th Avenue North

P.O. Box 5326

Birmingham, AL 35207

(205) 324-8624

FAX: (205) 324-8671

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3510 Basset Street

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P.O. Box 5181
Salem, OR 97304
(503) 581-4224
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See Blindskills in U.S. national listings.

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180 West San Carlos
San Jose, CA 95113-2096
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See Books Aloud in U.S. national listings.

Braille Communication Services

P.O. Box 16126
Lansing, MI 48901
(517) 627-9849
Duane Rolison, Manager

See Braille Communication Services in U.S. national listings.

Braille International

3142 S.E. Jay Street
Stuart, FL 34997
(407) 286-8366 or (800) 336-3142
FAX: (407) 286-8909
Jeri Brubaker

See Braille International in U.S. national listings.

Buckley's Braille and Large Print Service

151 Colborne Street
Brantford, ON N3T 2G7
(519) 753-1263
Jamie Buckley, General Manager

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: Adults and children.

Types/Content: All types.

Media Formats: Braille and large print.

Charles Crane Memorial Library University of British Columbia

1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
(604) 822-6111
FAX: (604) 822-6113
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Area Served: Local, national and international.

Groups Served: Blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and print disabled persons requiring alternatives to print.

Types/Content: University texts; support, reference, and materials; general literature; Canadiana; support materials for teachers of blind students.

Media Formats: Braille, talking books, large-type, computer disks, regular print.

Title Listings: Approximately 45,000 titles.

Christian Blind Mission International

P.O. Box 800
Stouffville, ON L4A 7Z9
(416) 640-6464

Mission: Provides Christian tapes to people in Canada.

Christian Mission for the Blind

5354 Boy Scout Road
Indianapolis, IN 46226
(317) 549-2386
William B. Schalk, Executive Director

See Christian Mission for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Christian Record Services

1300 King Street
Suite 119
Oshawa, ON L1H 8N9
(416) 436-6938
Pat Page, Executive Director

Mission: Provides braille, large-print, and audiotape materials for legally blind and hearing impaired persons. Operates an extensive free lending library and a national camp program.

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Special Curriculum

50 East North Temple
Floor 24
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(801) 531-2509
Douglas L. Hind

See Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in U.S. national listings.

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind

1909 East 101st Street

Cleveland, OH 44106
 (216) 791-8118
 FAX: (216) 791-1101
 Alice Miller, Coordinator, Taping Services
 Marlene Smith, Coordinator, Braille and Large-Print Transcription Services

See Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

The Dot Spot

P.O. Box 8425
 Phoenix, AZ 85066-8425
 (602) 243-9222
 Linda Huffman

See The Dot Spot in U.S. national listings.

Eyes of Faith Ministries

P.O. Box 743336
 Dallas, TX 75374-3336
 (214) 669-1103
 Gayle Gould, Administrator and Braille Coordinator

See Eyes of Faith Ministries in U.S. national listings.

Gospel Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 62
 Delray Beach, FL 33447
 (407) 274-9700
 Rev. Ralph Montanus, Jr., President

See Gospel Association for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

I Can See Books

P.O. Box 601
 Nanaimo, BC V9R 5L9
 (604) 753-3096

Mission: Publishes tactile reading-readiness books and children's books with clear plastic braille pages inserted in the text and includes detailed picture descriptions.

Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille

1111 St. Charles West
 Longueuil, PQ J4K 5G4
 (514) 463-1710
 FAX: (514) 463-0243
 André Vincent, Director

Area Served: Canada and eastern states of the United States.

Groups Served: All ages.

Types/Content: Textbooks, cultural materials, general information documents.

Media Formats: Hard copy (braille), thermoform, tactile material.

Title Listings: More than 250 textbooks and 15,000 titles in library.

Library for the Blind Canadian National Institute for the Blind

1929 Bayview Avenue
 Toronto, ON M4G 3E8
 (416) 480-7520
 FAX: (416) 480-7700
 Rosemary Kavanagh, Executive Director
 Janice Hayes, Director, Client Services

Barbara Freeze, Director, Production and Processing

Type of Agency: Non-profit.

Mission: To ensure that blind and print disabled Canadians have equitable access to information, culture, education, and life-long learning.

Funded by: Donations; reader assessment fee charged to geographic divisions of CNIB; sales; and fees for service.

Budget: \$5 million.

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Staff: 85 and 500 volunteers.

History/Date: Founded in 1906.

Number of Clients Served: More than 17,000 registered users; more than 400 agencies.

Eligibility: Blind and visually impaired Canadians registered with CNIB. Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

Area Served: National.

Educational: Transcribes textbooks.

Reading: Transcribes books of various kinds into alternative formats. Operates an audiotape and braille lending library.

Publications: Catalog; *Off the Shelf* newsletter.

Lutheran Library for the Blind

1333 South Kirkwood Road
 St. Louis, MO 63122
 (314) 965-9000, ext. 1322 or
 (800) 433-3954
 Mary Holder, Administrative Assistant

See Lutheran Library for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

Monterey County Braille Transcribers

P.O. Box DF
 Pacific Grove, CA 93950
 (408) 372-2944
 Alice McBride, Chairperson

See Monterey County Braille Transcribers in U.S. national listings.

National Braille Association

Braille Book Bank
 1290 University Avenue
 Rochester, NY 14607
 (716) 473-0900
 Angela Coffaro, Executive Director

See National Braille Association in U.S. national listings.

National Braille Press

88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

See National Braille Press in U.S.
national listings.

PAL Reading Services

252 Bloor Street West
Suite 12-105
Toronto, ON M5S 1V6
(416) 960-1177
John Rae, President

Area Served: Canada.

Groups Served: Persons who are
print handicapped: blind, low
vision, learning disabled.

Media Formats: 2-track and 4-
track audio cassette; computer disk
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People Helping People

151 Colborne Street
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(519) 753-1362
Claire Jesney, General Manager

Area Served: Unlimited.

Groups Served: Adults and
children.

Types/Content: All types.

Media Formats: Talking books.

Prose & Cons Braille Unit

P.O. Box 2500
Lincoln, NE 68542-2500
(402) 471-3161, ext. 3373
Dominic Inzodda, Shop Operator

See Prose & Cons Braille Unit in
U.S. national listings.

Recording for the Blind

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606 or (800) 221-4792
FAX: (609) 987-8116
Ritchie L. Geisel, President and
CEO

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national listings.

VoicePrint**The National Broadcast Reading
Service, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1728
Station R
Toronto, ON M4G 4A3
(416) 489-4222
FAX: (416) 489-5430

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per
day.

History/Date: Est. 1990.

Area Served: Broadcast via cable-
TV to 5 million homes across
Canada.

Volunteers of Vacaville

P.O. Box 670
Vacaville, CA 95696
(707) 448-6841
Steve Norris, Coordinator

See Volunteers of Vacaville in U.S.
national listings.

Volunteer Transcribing Services

205 East Third Avenue
Suite 200
San Mateo, CA 94401
(415) 344-8664
Alanah Hoffman, Director

See Volunteer Transcribing
Services in U.S. national listings.

Xavier Society for the Blind

154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800 or (800) 637-9193
FAX: (212) 473-7801
Rev. Thomas R. Fitzpatrick, S. J.,
Director

See Xavier Society for the Blind in
U.S. national listings.

SOURCES OF PRODUCTS

◆ Mail Order, Catalogs, and Distributors

Includes organizations and companies that carry a wide variety of products, including independent living, health care, and recreation products; low vision devices; and communication aids. Products can usually be ordered by catalog, which can be obtained from the individual companies listed.

Microcomputer Science Centre, Inc.

5220 Bradco Boulevard
Mississauga, ON L4W 1G7
(416) 629-1654
FAX: (416) 629-2321

◆ Household, Personal, and Independent Living Products

Includes such products as kitchen utensils and measuring devices; canes; talking clocks, scales, and calculators; games and toys; and braille watches.

AmbuTech
Melet Plastics, Inc.
670 Golspie Street
Winnipeg, ON R2K 2V1

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

1931 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8
(416) 480-7594

CSP Industries, Inc.

Unit 2, 3551 Viking Way
Richmond, BC V6W 1W6
(800) 663-0088 or (604) 273-1987
FAX: (604) 273-1982

Safe-T-Lite Enterprises

4120 Delmar Avenue
Victoria, BC V8Z 5J6
(604) 479-1350

◆ Low Vision

Includes such products as magnifiers, loupes, lamps, and closed-circuit televisions; encompasses optical and nonoptical devices, both electronic and nonelectronic.

Acrontech

2318 Danforth Avenue
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(416) 467-6800
FAX: (416) 467-1994

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Mississauga, ON L4W 1G7
(416) 629-1654
FAX: (416) 629-2321

Octopus Audio Visual

Rural Route #1
Wilno, ON K0J 2N0
(613) 756-3938
FAX: (613) 756-2560

◆ Computer Hardware

Includes adaptive equipment such as laptop computers, braille displays, key caps, braille embossers, and optical character recognition systems.

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Toronto, ON M4C 1K7
(416) 467-6800
FAX: (416) 467-1994

Betacom Group Montreal Betacom

723 Halpern Road
Dorval, PQ H9P 1G5
(514) 636-9267
FAX: (514) 636-9015

Betacom Group Toronto Betacom

1515 Matheson Boulevard
Unit B5
Mississauga, ON L4W 2P5
(416) 629-1811
FAX: (416) 629-0328

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

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Toronto, ON M4G 3E8
(416) 480-7594

Designing Aids for Disabled Adults

248 Concord Avenue
Unit 2
Toronto, ON M6H 2P4
(416) 530-0038
FAX: (416) 530-4917

Frontier Computing

250 Davisville Avenue
Suite 205

Toronto, ON M4S 1H2
(416) 489-6690
FAX: (416) 489-6693

IBM**National Support Centre**

3500 Steeles Avenue, East
Markham, ON L3R 2Z1
(800) 465-1234 or (416) 946-9000

Integrated Assistive Technologies

1257 Michigan Drive
Coquitlam, BC V3B 6T7
(604) 464-8245 or (604) 464-8245

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5220 Bradco Boulevard
Mississauga, ON L4W 1G7
(416) 629-1654
FAX: (416) 629-2321

Octopus Audio Visual

Rural Route #1
Wilno, ON K0J 2N0
(613) 756-3938
FAX: (613) 756-2560

Syntha-Voice Computers, Inc.

125 Gailmont Drive
Hamilton, ON L8K 4B8
(800) 263-4540 or (416) 578-0565

Tash, Inc.

70 Gibson Drive, Unit 12
Markham, ON L3R 4C2
(416) 475-2212

Vancouver - Aroga

171 West Sixth Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1K3
(604) 876-8610
FAX: (604) 876-8676

Visuaide 2000, Inc.

1111 Rue Street

Longueuil, PQ J4K 5G4
(514) 463-1717
FAX: (514) 463-0243

◆ Computer Software

Includes adaptive software such as large-print and synthetic-speech programs, braille translation software, and educational software and computer tutorial programs.

**Betacom Group
Montreal Betacom**

723 Halpern Road
Dorval, PQ H9P 1G5
(514) 636-9267
FAX: (514) 636-9015

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Toronto Betacom**

1515 Matheson Boulevard
Unit B5
Mississauga, ON L4W 2P5
(416) 629-1811
FAX: (416) 629-0328

Frontier Computing

250 Davisville Avenue
Suite 205
Toronto, ON M4S 1H2
(416) 489-6690
FAX: (416) 489-6693

Intelligent Access MicroWare

193 Cooper Street
London, ON N6H 2C5
(519) 679-4828
FAX: (519) 432-9044

Lyon Computer Discourse, Ltd.

1009 Kinloch Lane
North Vancouver, BC V7G 1V8
(604) 929-8886
FAX: (604) 929-8858

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Mississauga, ON L4W 1G7
(416) 629-1654
FAX: (416) 629-2321

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125 Gailmont Drive
Hamilton, ON L8K 4B8
(800) 263-4540 or (416) 578-0565
FAX: (416) 578-0625

Vancouver - Aroga

171 West Sixth Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1K3
(604) 876-8610
FAX: (604) 876-8676

◆ Braille and Other Literacy Materials

Includes such products as slates and styli, braille computer paper and other braille accessories, braille typewriters, and tactile materials and kits.

Inegra Products

10728 18th Street
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4E2
(604) 782-3380

Microcomputer Science Centre, Inc.

5220 Bradco Boulevard
Mississauga, ON L4W 1G7
(416) 629-1654
FAX: (416) 629-2321

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Includes such products as vibratory alert systems and amplification and communication systems.

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1931 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8
(416) 480-7594

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248 Concord Avenue
Unit 2
Toronto, ON M6H 2P4
(416) 530-0038
FAX: (416) 530-4917

SuData Consulting

33 Laird Drive
Toronto, ON M4G 3S9
(416) 696-9590
FAX: (416) 425-4858

Tash, Inc.

70 Gibson Drive, Unit 12
Markham, ON L3R 4C2
(416) 475-2212

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